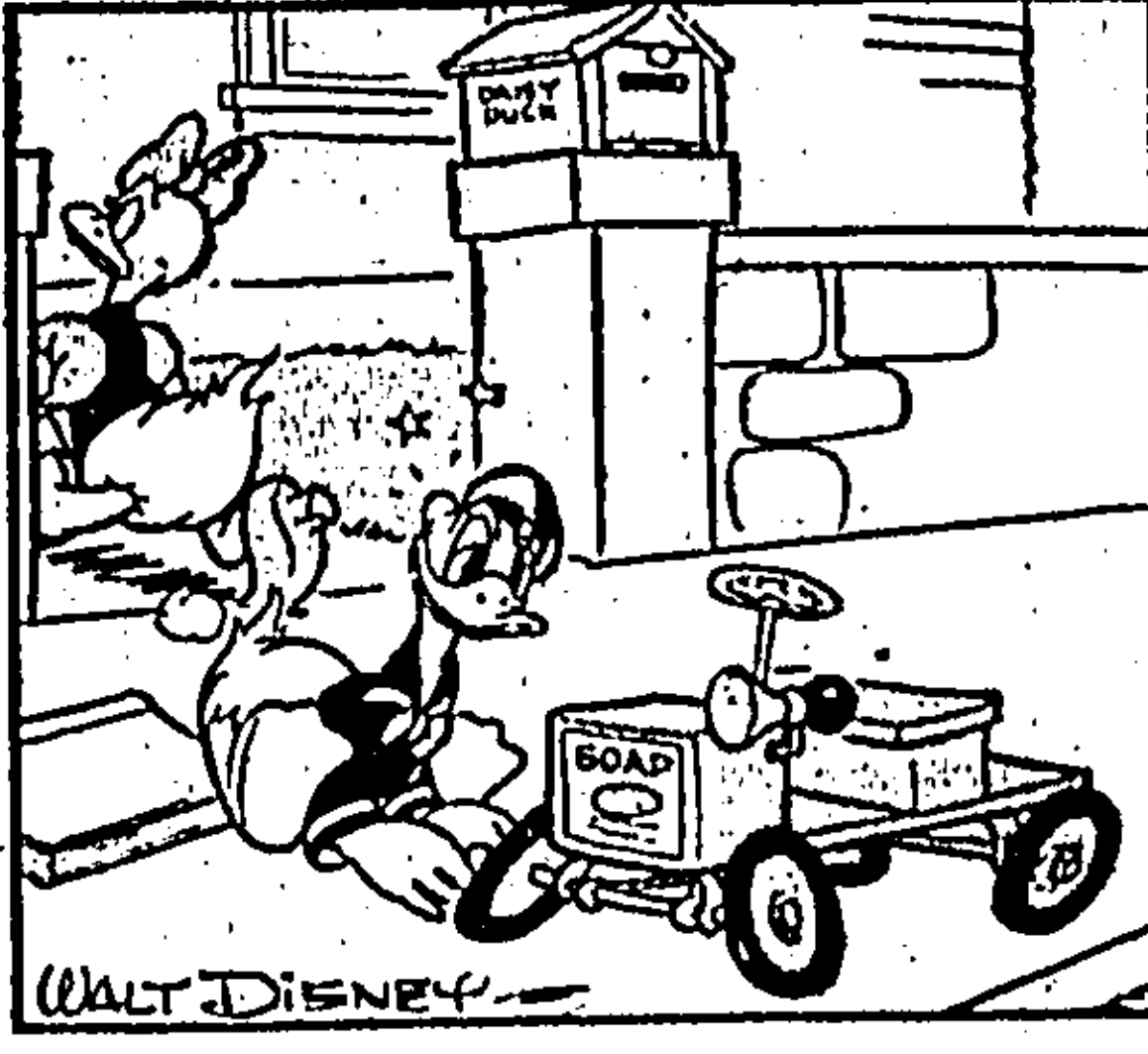
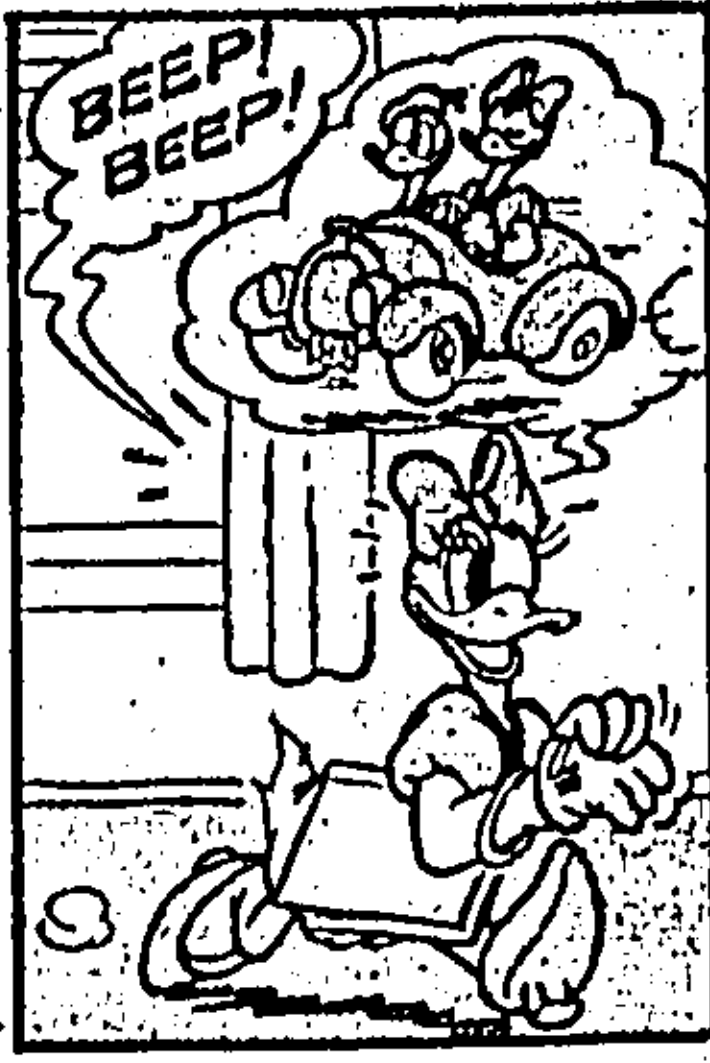
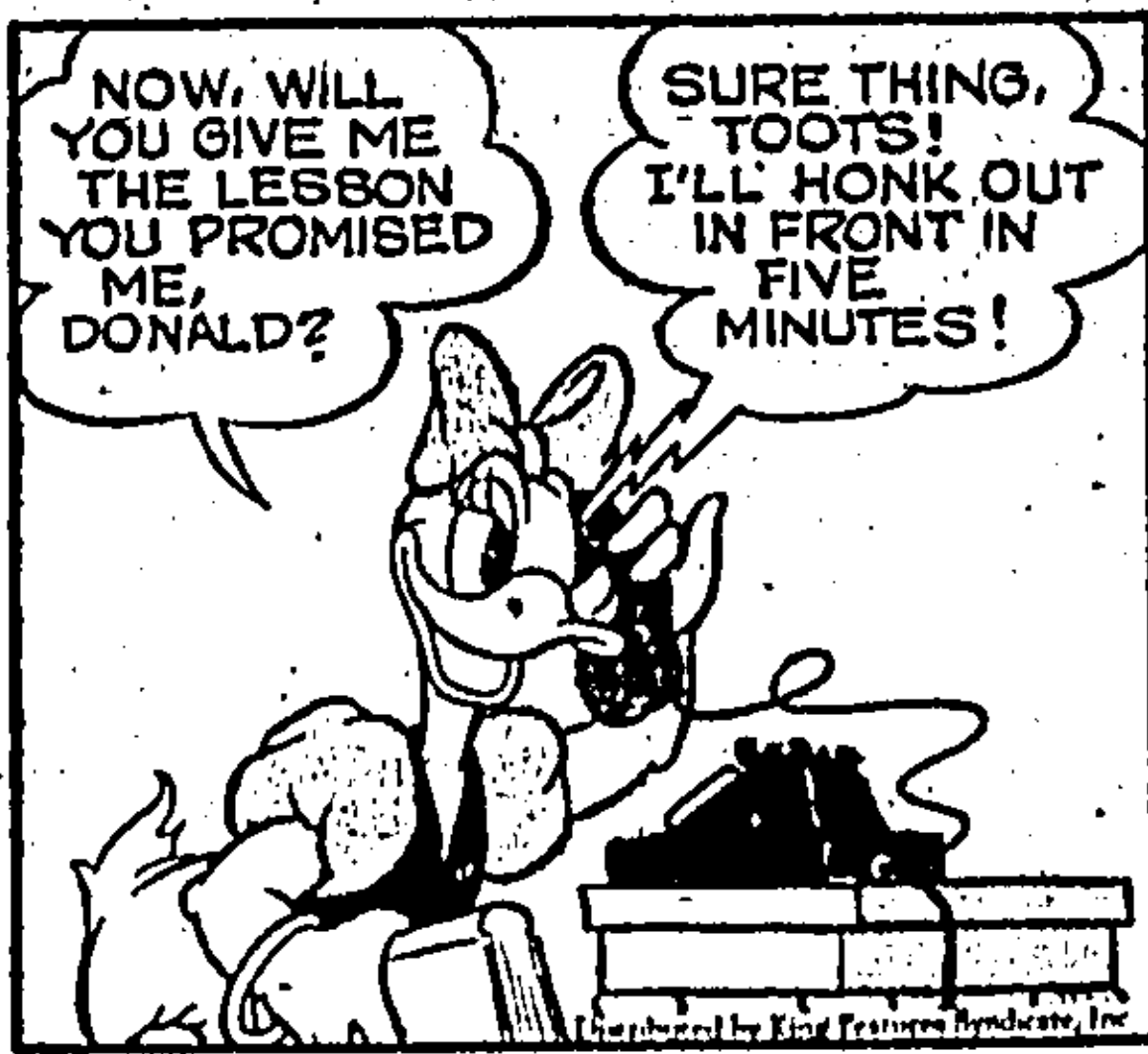
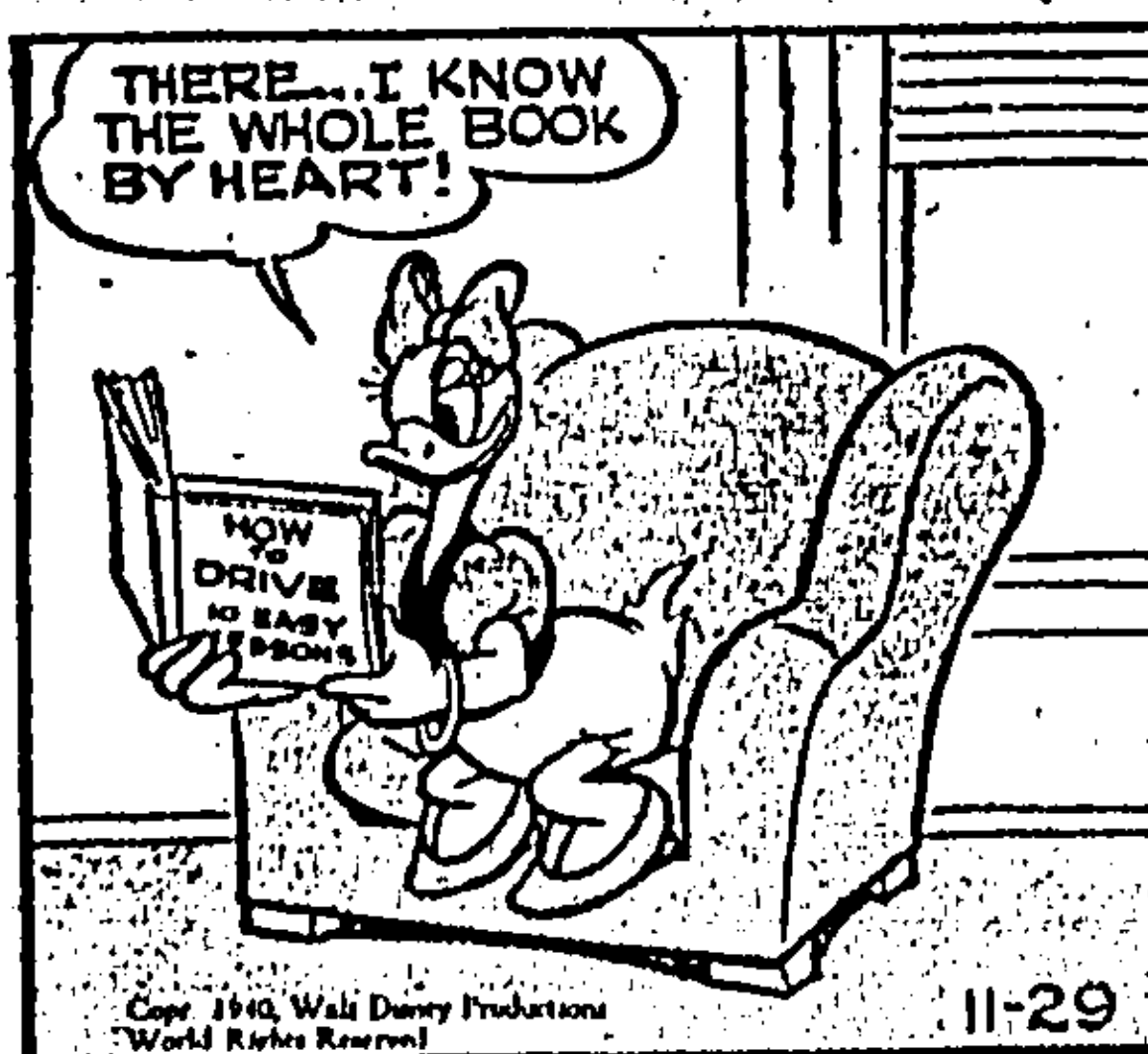


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By Henry Buckley

LISBON.
THE fragrant perfume of honeysuckle fills the night air in the gardens of Estoril Casino. It is not a pretty building as seen from outside. It was designed and built by two Frenchmen, Jourde and Paul Reynes, and the French do not like clean, straight lines.

But inside you forget that the outside is all corners, for the restaurant, with its spacious dance floor, is pleasant and airy, and it has the biggest plate glass windows I ever saw anywhere.

From them you can look out over the moon-lit Bay of Cascaes and see the Atlantic rollers pound the beach and see the twinkling lights of the pilot ship in the background.

"Europe's lung" they call this little corner of the Continent, where life still goes on with some pretence of normality, where you can have all the petrol you want and sugar is not rationed, and whisky cheaper than at home. Lisbon to-day is the cross-roads of Europe, and Estoril, just fifteen miles away, houses the elite of the travellers who come and go.

THE party of men in dinner dress sitting over in one corner of the casino restaurant are oil men. They have been having a conference in the Hotel Palacio down near the station for the last few days.

If you knew what they had decided on you might have an inkling of how the war will go, for so much depends on this liquid gold. The grey-haired oil king at the head of the table is rated as one of the six richest men in Britain.



The group of heavily built, solid Swiss citizens at a table nearby, who have obviously dined heartily, have come to Lisbon from Switzerland to shop for their nation. There is no more individual buying, the Swiss Government purchases and distributes the goods—when it can get them.

These are some of the smartest Swiss business brains, and their job is a heavy one. They must find sellers, pay in gold, get permission for the goods to pass the British control—if they are articles not available in Portugal—and then they must use endless ingenuity to transport the merchandise across a Spain whose rolling stock was ruined by the civil war, and then over the disorganised railway system of unoccupied France to the frontier, and into Switzerland by motor truck.

A TALL Frenchman and a short, stocky, rough-looking Dutchman

watch the dancers as if there were no more important thing in the world to do. The Frenchman arrived in Paris from the Baltic fifty years ago, a penniless youth, and to-day he is reputed to be worth well over £5,000,000. He is a refugee; off to New York.

The Dutchman is one of the best-known gold dealers in Europe. He talks in terms of gold bricks—a brick weighs 400ozs. and sells at about £8 an ounce to-day, so I am told. If you were to ask him how much gold you would need to send from Zurich to New York to pay a debt there in Argentine paper pesos, he would gaze up at the ceiling for a few minutes and then he would tell you exactly how many bricks you would need and what transport, insurance, loss of interest during transport, would cost you. Compared with his French colleague he is a man of modest means: he is worth about one million sterling.

NEXT door to the restaurant is the gambling hall where you have the choice of losing your money at roulette, French Bank, or—if you are ready to gamble real money—at baccarat. A lucky bars the way to the baccarat table; you must give your name there and some indication of being a person of substance.

The keen-faced woman with glasses who sits at the far end of the table is familiar figure there—and at most casinos in Europe. The wife of a millionaire Balkan banker, her face changes not at all whether she wins or loses two or three hundred pounds at a sitting.

The roulette tables are more democratic. You can play as little as two escudos fifty—sevenpence. And if you put it in the middle of a square and the number comes up you will get back thirty-five times sevenpence, which makes just £1 0s. 6d. But that rarely happens.

A Central European couple, man and wife, both with paper and pencil, are playing very carefully. They do not look rich, possibly they hope to make some money to help them on their way. He has drawn an elaborate chart. They bet only on the red, colour, two shillings at a time, and get back their investment if a red number wins instead of a black. I hope they win. But people rarely do when they need the money.



The distinguished figure in evening dress accompanied by two charming young Portuguese women is a well-known German writer and one of these clever young people sent hither and thither by Herr von Ribbentrop. And it may be my mistake, but it does look to me as if the tall, intelligent-looking Englishman playing at table number one is really paying far more attention to the movements of the visitor from Ber-

lin than he is to his game. He is going to lose an awful lot of money unless the German goes soon, I am afraid.

At the next table is a star radio speaker of Columbia Broadcasting—you will have heard his quiet, effective voice many a time from various European capitals if you tune into the American broadcasts regularly. He is going back to see ten month-old twins who won't recognise the papa who put them in a boat at Cherbourg five months ago. A well-known movie news reel operator is sitting with him.

IT used to be a common saying that if you sat long enough on the terrace of the Cafe de la Paix on the Place de l'Opera in Paris you would see the whole world go by. That is nearly true to-day of Estoril Casino. Only those were gladder days.

To-day we are watching the collapse of a Europe which will never be the same again, no matter what turn the war takes. It is the atmosphere of a rainy autumn day.

FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



"Oh, General, I'm knitting a sweater for Junior—what size will he be next month?"

One of the things we are fighting for is to be able to SAY WHAT WE THINK

CAN we have a little sanity on the subject of Mr. H. G. Wells? He went to America to speak his mind about this war. His outlook has not coincided with the more conventional idea of propaganda that should be fed to the Americans. Therefore Mr. Wells should not have been granted an exit permit.

By this confession in the House of Commons we are to use exit permits as a form of censorship. Yet our censorship is based on information to the enemy and not expression of opinion.

Mr. Wells has given away no great military secrets, no details of defence. He has called a few generals fools, and, under the present struggle for freedom of speech, he is entitled to do so. He has been called an agnostic, and similarly we claim to fight for freedom of faith, religious or otherwise.

The accusation that he is alienating American sympathy for our cause is a foolish one. Mr. Wells is greatly respected in America, and I am sufficiently confident of American sympathy to believe that it can be left to judge for itself.

In our propaganda to the United States there has been too much of this attitude of "beads for the natives." The American public is an enlightened one, bred on facts. It is not taken in by the fairy picture of heroes that a number of people would wish to give it.

We might do credit to our friends by presenting them all

A woman looks at the war—by HILDE MARCHANT

grades of opinion and outlook. The Americans are not entirely a race of nitwits.

★
ANOTHER sweet story about a dear lady who was giving a party and suddenly announced to her friends, "Now look, Mr. So-and-So, an American, is coming up. Let's not talk about our fears, shall we? It makes such a bad impression."

★
Nuts! To all whom it may concern—I am frightened, and have sufficient imagination to know the damage a bomb on my house would make. Only a mummy would pretend otherwise. Let's tell the Americans we don't like bombs, but we can at least behave well under them.

★
TO support my point, let me tell you of a comment from Mr. Ralph Ingersoll, the American proprietor of the newspaper "P.M." "One thing that pleases me here is that I can go anywhere, see anything, say anything without being challenged. And believe me, you have nothing to hide from the American public." Let us live up to that tribute.

★
A SUGGESTION for shelters comes from a crime-reporter friend of mine. Why not

the murderer's cell at the Old Bailey? He points out that there are a hundred cells in the Old Bailey, pleasantly furnished with stool and chair and mattress, empty, with a strong steel door for protection.

The murderer's cell is slightly more privileged than the rest. It is three times the size, and a man and wife and children could rest there quite comfortably. There are large rooms at the end of the cells fitted with gas and water.

★
I think for those who are not squeamish it would be an excellent idea to spend the night in the condemned cell and come out alive in the morning. Many have come out to die.

★
Evans of the Broke might investigate these cells. By some strange feature of the war they are nearly always empty.

★
WHAT is this little game the Post Office is playing? A friend wanted to send a telegram to her husband and she was told it would take a long time, but she could pay sixpence extra to send it priority. She paid, and it arrived in half an hour.

★
Priority is usually reserved for messages connected with some wartime service. It has now been opened to the public because telegrams were taking hours. It is a sacrifice for the privilege of getting your telegram put on the top of the pile.

★
Speed should be a normal service of telegrams—not to be paid for at a premium.

★
THERE are some good signs in London's damage. A pub has this one, "No Gas, No Water, but Good Spirits."



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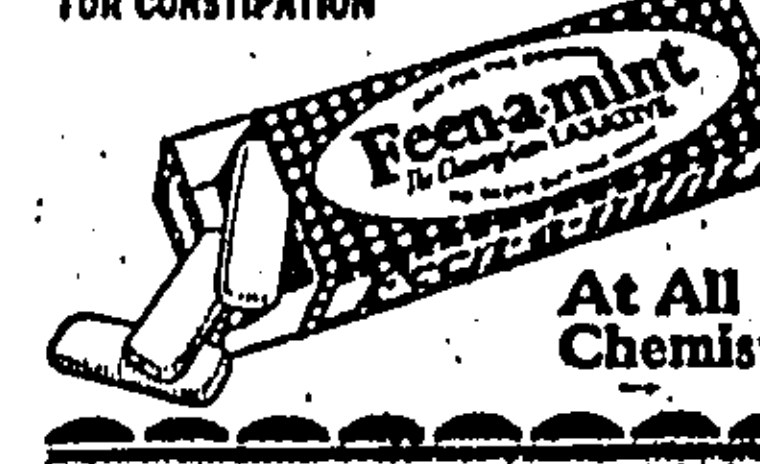
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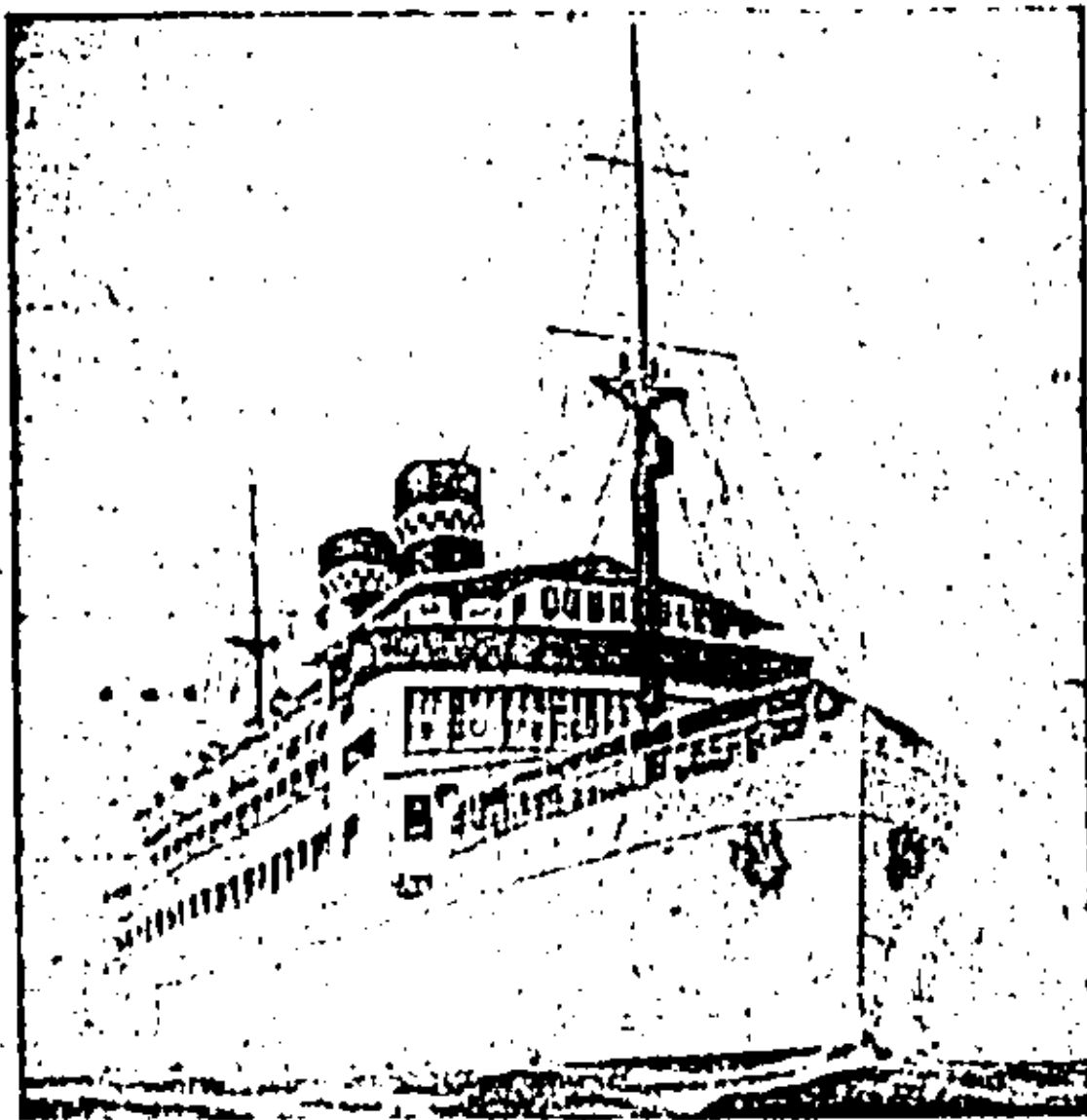
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THE TWO OPPORTUNISTS

WHAT are Hitler's plans? Has he a plan? It has often been conceded that Mussolini is an opportunist but the world's conception of Hitler has usually been that of a man of deep laid schemes. As Mussolini gained power in Italy he visualised himself as head of a vast Colonial Empire, including the Mediterranean, Egypt and Africa, but he does not appear to have formulated any particular clear cut vision as to the line of action he should adopt to achieve his purpose. Mussolini has been described as timidly sheltering in the shadow of Germany. It is possible that he thought by joining forces with Germany whose strength he admired, he hoped to achieve his own territorial ambitions.

Hitler has seldom been regarded as an opportunist. His attainments have rather been the subject of some respect and even to-day when he has ignominiously failed to attain the promised downfall of Britain, he is still spoken of—foolishly—by some as a modern Napoleon. Hitler is, however, as great an opportunist as Mussolini, the difference between the two lying in the fact that Hitler has control of a more military-minded and better organised people behind him. He started his blood bespattered career as Mussolini did, with the same idea of territorial conquest—their only conception of grandeur. The appetite grows with eating, and Hitler in his earlier days was probably a much more modest individual than he is to-day.

As Hitler sat in the railway carriage at Compeigne—carefully arranged as to theatrical details—to witness the fragile surrender of France, he plainly saw himself as a grander Napoleon, but he is incapable of visualising all the implications of such a position. His task as ruler as well as conqueror has proved too hard for him. He can despoil, but not build. His weakness in this respect will contribute to his downfall. He trusts in military strength alone, and where this is inconvenient for use, he tries the power of his rhetoric.

Further than this he has no particular plan, conquest and more conquest, destruction and more destruction, but these by their very nature, must finally cease. Hitler's growing indecisions to-day as to what to do next show the path to which he has come. These indecisions movements must be extremely painful and horrible to his immediate advisers whose fates lie with his.

Hans von Loewe and Elsa, his wife, prayed for victory because it meant they would have food and the baby butter and milk. But the months dragged on, and the prospect of beating England was as far off as ever. Still, they lived in hope, enduring misery and danger... then Hans was told the news!

THE young man slowly descended the steps which led straight down on to the street from the tall, rather dingy looking building which was, and had been his home for two years. It seemed to have grown even more sordid looking these last twelve months, and as the man turned his face eastward a ray of light from the watery early morning sun threw into relief his heavy features. He had been a rather hand-

carrying the cheap blankets and a thermos of synthetic coffee and Elsa, burdened with the at least not all of it. If it were true baby, dragging her weary, face-tory-sore feet reluctantly one after the other.

There were over twenty in their shelter, a silent huddled group of people in costumes which would have been humorous if anyone had dared to laugh. Their faces all showed signs of poverty and lack of food; tired eyes gazed vacantly round or sent vague messages of comfort to others in their own family groups. A child started to whimper, and every one shifted in their seats and glared at the poor creature. Its mother, a young girl wearing from a hard day's work in the factory, tried to soothe it and looked desperately round for help or sympathy; but eyes were turned away and those that did rest on the mother had only the dull vacant stare of the beaten cur.

They wanted to talk but dare

BERLIN CALLING

some youth and still retained strong lines of character, but his face had lost its freshness and from each corner of his mouth curved grooves swept up to meet his nose. The eyes which had been clear and brown, were now muddy and sunken, and his skin had a pasty greyish tinge which comes from under-nourishment. Not only in his features could these symptoms of decay be seen. His clothes were badly cut and the grey cloth showed shiny patches at the elbows, the knees were baggy and the bottoms frayed with rubbing against his shoes. Bits of cloth stood out like a fringe from the edge of his trousers' pocket in which one hand was fiercely thrust. In the other hand he swung a furled umbrella, one with a crooked handle, that had only twelve months before been the subject of many a jest—Neville Chamberlain, his friends had called him.

He glanced anxiously up at the sky and wondered whether it would rain. He did not want to open his umbrella in that street because he knew the holes would be visible to his neighbours. Yes he still had pride. It was not so long since he had been a student at Cambridge and soft memories of those halcyon days would often surge through his mind and bring fierce conflict into his heart. He had come back from University when his Father had died and as is so often the case, found an estate nearly insolvent. He had paid off all the debts and with the little that was left had taken a job teaching English in a small Berlin School.

HE turned the corner into the wide main street and his eyes lit up for a moment with pleasure as he recalled his wedding day. It had been a small affair, true enough, but what happiness. How he and Elsa had thrilled to see their names in the paper—a small but select wedding took place at St Nicholas Church this afternoon when HANS VON LOEWE and ELSA KELLER were joined in holy matrimony—what fun they had had! But all the time had been that undercurrent of unrest; they had felt they were on the edge of a volcano. Munich had not

One moment he announces that he is about to invade Britain—the next he appears to be moving towards the Balkans, another time towards Spain, next to occupy Italy itself. He may finally make simultaneous moves in various directions, but Hitler hesitates to take the momentous step now facing him. He who hesitates is not the one who wins. It would seem that the Hitler bubble is being pricked. The R.A.F. and Greece's undaunted spirit administered the first real blows followed by the British victories in Africa. President Roosevelt administered another when he declared for all aid to Britain and the determination of the people at home has raised a bulwark against which Hitler can only beat in vain.

not, because what they wanted to say would be sedition. Who could know whether their immediate neighbour would report them and they would be sent to a concentration camp—stolid unfeeling brutes drag them from their homes and bundle them off in a lorry. They knew. They had seen it happen before.

The child stopped crying and fell into an uneasy sleep. The silence was oppressive, broken only by the sharp bursting of anti-aircraft shells and the dull sickening explosion of the bombs.

HANS hurried on, how tired he felt, and how hopelessly weary. The same thing would

By J. Cedric Brown

as English announcer. Rather than happen again to-night. He knew. The English planes would surely come again and again and they couldn't go on—not through the winter. Human flesh and blood couldn't stand it. Hans entered the studios and said "good morning" to the girl sat at the typewriter. She mumbled something but didn't raise her head. Hans went and sat down at his desk and read through his papers. Read them through again. Nothing would stick. Wearily he went on with his daily round. Everyone was so silent nowadays, no joking and laughter, but I know. Well, it was war, one couldn't expect to find humour in war. The morning had passed. Lunch eaten without a thought; duty and mechanically he went through the routine of his day. Elsa was working late to-night, it was her turn for night shift, so he was sleeping at the Studio. Little Adolf was in good hands.

HE looked at the clock—time to go on the air. Even he didn't believe this stuff he had to read out—

"This is Berlin calling. Once more British bombers were driven off by the deadly anti-aircraft fire of our defences. All turned back without dropping a single bomb."

Then breakfast. He wondered how Elsa was and little Adolf. His thick powerful face softened into a smile of inward pleasure and the typist sat opposite smiled with him.

"HERR von Loewe."

"Yes, what is it, boy?"

"The Director would like to see you Sir."

Hans rose to his feet and his heart beat quickly—was he going to be promoted? Perhaps he was going to get more pay, or perhaps they were dissatisfied with him! He gave an involuntary shudder—all gooseflesh—oh well, here go!

He knew, he knew as soon as he saw the Director's face. The words fell on his dead ears.

"You must go to Siemens, von Loewe, there is not much left of the factory, but you might be able to find your wife's body."

Priestley Radio Gag Attempt

MIR J. B. PRIESTLEY admitted to the press recently that there had been a movement early during his series of Sunday night broadcasts to stop them. "It failed," he said. "I am not going to tell you where it originated, but I know. There is no suggestion of my being 'bumped off,' and when I said I had stopped of my own accord, and that relations with the B.B.C. were excellent I was speaking the exact truth." "There had been one or two complaints from certain types of listeners about my talks and I suggested to the B.B.C. that when I stopped they should bring some of those people to the microphone to talk on the world they believe in." "But the suggestion was not adopted."



RUSSIAN OUTLAY FOR ARMS

Spending One-Third of Budget

The special correspondent of the Portuguese "Diario de Noticias" at Zurich sends to his newspaper some illuminating figures of war expenditure on the Russian Army.

He says that the Supreme Soviet Council, at its last meeting in Moscow, decided upon an extraordinary credit for national defence of no less than 57,000,000,000 of roubles. At the pre-war average rate of 25 roubles to the pound, this works out to £2,280,000,000. This sum represents 31.7 per cent. of the entire budget.

The writer points out that Russia's expenditure on armaments has grown rapidly since 1934 on the following scale:

Year	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941
Roubles	3,000,000,000	4,000,000,000	5,000,000,000	6,000,000,000	8,000,000,000	10,000,000,000	12,000,000,000	14,000,000,000

25 Roubles Per Person
The population of Russia was estimated at the close of the Polish campaign at 183,000,000 inhabitants, not including territory annexed since then, such as Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, and Bessarabia.

It is calculated that every Russian citizen, women and children included, pays 85 kopeks a day, or 25 roubles a month, towards national defence.

Every able-bodied Russian pays from 20 to 22 per cent. of his wages for armaments. If he does not particularly notice this, it is because he pays by indirect taxation, so widespread in continental countries.

Must Be Ready
The Russian Government, through its Press and its wireless, daily explains to the people that Russia is directly threatened and that national defence expenditure is essential. The Russian wireless, in particular, insists that the Russian people "must be ready at once to face imminent and unexpected perils."

GERMANS' COLD COMFORT

Bardia Defence Called "A Lost Cause"

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—"A lost cause" is the phrase used by the "Boersen Zeitung" commenting on the fall of Bardia.

The newspaper is quoted by the official agency which says "General Bergonzoli is a tried soldier from the Spanish war, and at Bardia his troops fought for a lost cause to hold off the British offensive as long as possible and give the Libyan Army time to re-group—a task which they have performed against a vast superiority in men and materials."

"The defenders were only overcome by a massed tank attack after they had run out of munitions. This affords convincing proof that in spite of reverses in the subsidiary theatre of war in North Africa, the fighting spirit of the Italians is the same as ever."

"While the British gain a military victory, the Italians gain a moral victory."

"The only thing that is really important and decisive is the battle for Britain which their troops are losing day-by-day in and around Britain."

"Moreover the despatch of German air formations to Italy shows that hopes of forcing a decision by attacking Italy with the whole strength of the British Empire are illusory. The Axis is a unit in politics, ideals and, above all, in military matters."

Stockholm Comment
STOCKHOLM, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—"Bardia's fall is a particularly heavy blow for Graziani, who has now lost over half the land forces available for the defence of Cirenaica," writes the military correspondent of Stockholm's "Tidningen."

"The British are so superior that the continuation of offensive operations is possible if supplies are ensured by sea—which can be done unless strong Italian and German air units are put into the struggle."

"It is hardly likely, however, that a strong German air force could be based in Africa while the distance from Italy makes effective and continuous bombing in Africa doubtful."

Greenland Occupation

Life Under Uncle Sam

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—American troops are "occupying" Greenland and American Police are posted in the town of Ivigtut, according to kryolite miners who have just returned to Copenhagen.

They stated that communications with Denmark, to which Greenland belongs, have been practically broken off and that rationing of food had been in operation since last April though there was no shortage.

Steamers of the Hudson Bay Company were carrying miscellaneous supplies to points in west Greenland. The mines travelled to Copenhagen by way of America, Portugal and Germany.

Compliments To Wavell And Army

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—Orange growers in Palestine have shown their appreciation of the success of the Western Desert campaign by sending 10,000 cases of oranges and grape fruits to the troops. A warm tribute to General Wavell himself is provided by an Iraqi sheikh, who has given him a ceremonial sword.

Board For U.S. Arms

Big Four Begin

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—A supreme directorate for the United States defence programme to speed up arms production was established by President Roosevelt to-day.

The directorate comprises Mr William Knudsen, Director-General; Mr Sidney Hillman, the Labour leader, associate Director-General; Mr Henry L. Stimson, Secretary for War; and Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary for the Navy.

President Roosevelt announced that the directorate had been given full authority to formulate and execute policies for armament production.

"All That We Have"
By an executive order, President Roosevelt released to reporters a statement signed by all four members of the directorate in which they said that the task confronting them was "not only of critical importance but also one of surpassing urgency."

They promised "all that we have" to fulfil President Roosevelt's order to create an "arsenal of democracy" in the United States, and called for co-operation from every person in the country to make the arsenal adequate for the defence of democracy and freedom.

VOLUNTEER ANNUAL

Proceeds of Sale To Bomber Fund

The seventh annual Year Book of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps has come off the press, and is possibly more readable than ever. The illustrations are certainly more highly spiced! The editor, for the sixth year in succession, is Capt. C. de Saillie Robertson, M.M., who has done the job well.

Each unit has its special mention, brightly written as occasion demands, with a number of photographs and sketches appropriate to the text. There is a considerable amount of humour, some topical allusions, and some verse. All is readable, and apart from the Year Book forming a souvenir, it is also good reading matter.

This year, there is an added incentive towards its purchase. The entire proceeds will be handed to the Bomber Fund inaugurated by South China Morning Post, Ltd. A nominal charge of 25 cents has been made, but purchasers are invited to give more as they may wish.

The Year Book is obtainable at the Officers' Mess, the Sergeants' Mess and Canteen and of all Company Commanders, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. Those wishing to send the Book abroad, must do so through the Publishers, Messrs Mitlington, Ltd.

GERMAN TROOPS IN RUMANIA

Commander Appointed

BELGRADE, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—Field Marshal List, one of Germany's blitzkrieg experts, is to arrive in Rumania shortly with a staff of five generals to take over the command of German troops there, says a Bucharest dispatch to-night.

Field Marshal List commanded the German troops in the Polish campaign.

Baron Manfred von Killinger, the new German Minister to Rumania, is due in Bucharest on Sunday.

A Rumanian commission is considering various questions still pending between Rumania and the Soviet, including the repatriation of Bessarabians from Rumania and Rumanians from Bessarabia.

FALSE CLAIMS BY ROME

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—An official statement issued in Rome after today's Italian communiqué says that three of the British warships which bombed Bardia were sunk.

In addition, says the statement, a liner was sunk and two cruisers, a submarine, destroyers, a gunboat and a monitor were badly damaged.

Unfounded Statements
Reuter learns in authoritative quarters in London that all these Italian statements are wholly unfounded.



FINNISH HONOURS—Not for months has Field Marshal Baron Carl Gustave Mannerheim, Finnish commander in chief, appeared in the news. But here, as President of the Council of National Defence, he reviews troops in Helsinki, in a ceremony honouring officers killed in the war with Russia.

Polish War Prisoners Work For Nazis

NEWS reaching Polish circles in London claims that Polish war prisoners are now being employed by the Germans in the reconstruction of the German Baltic ports, destroyed in British air raids.

Another dispatch states that the first transport of 700 German children evacuated from Berlin because of the air raids, has arrived in Poznan.

Half of these children are being billeted with Polish families, and expenses are borne by the Poles. The remainder are being cared for by Nazi officials.

Radio Berlin states that Wilhelm Frick, Nazi Minister for the Interior, has arrived in Warsaw on his way to Lublin, which is close to the Russian frontier.

Yukon Ballad Hero Dead

"Sam McGee From Tennessee"

SAM McGee, whose name became renowned through a Yukon poem of Robert W. Service, is dead.

The "Sam McGee from Tennessee," who actually was a native of Lindsay, Ontario, died in Beiseker, Alberta, 40 years after Service wrote "The Cremation of Sam McGee."

The poem told how McGee was always "cold, but the land of gold seemed to hold him like a spell." McGee was supposed to have admitted that he was comfortably warm when his frozen body was being cremated.

73 Years Old
McGee, 73 years old at the time of his death, was not spellbound by the search for gold, either, as his chief occupation in the Yukon territory was copper mining. Nor will he be cremated.

Mr Service, when advised of the death of the character he made world-known, said he saw the name Sam McGee in a bank ledger in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory.

He picked up the idea for the poem from a story told at a dinner in 1906.

MORE PAY FOR FAMILIES OF SERVICE MEN

THE new rates of allowances for families of dependents of Service men, announced recently, are:—

	WIFE	Per week
Warrant officer (Class I)	24	6
Warrant officer (Class II)	21	6
Staff sergeant, etc.	20	6
Sergeant or low rank	18	0
CHILDREN		
One child	7	6
Two children	13	0
Each additional child	4	0
DEPENDENTS		
(Based on average weekly contribution before joining up.)		
Between 9s. and 15s.	13	0
Between 15s. and 20s.	18	0
Over 20s.	21	6
Person entirely dependent on soldier	25	0

Teacher Discharged; Alleged Communist

Kenneth May, disowned by his father for being a Communist, recently was discharged from his job as a teaching assistant at the University of California.

The Board of Regents ordered the twenty-four-year-old graduate student's discharge as a faculty member, declaring his beliefs and faculty position were "incompatible." May's status as a student was not affected by the ruling and he indicated he would continue his work for a doctor's degree in philosophy.

Nazis Said Making Petrol Cube

German army experiments with solidified petrol are reported by the Berlin correspondent of a Swiss newspaper, the secret having leaked out, it is alleged, owing to the indiscretions of French papers in occupied territory.

The dry petrol, which is carried in cubes, has to be made fluid again before use. The drivers are said to call it "brauselimonade," or effervescent lemonade.

Solid or semi-solid petrol has been "invented" about once a month for the past 10 years. The Air Ministry still gets frequent offers of the patent rights.

Valueless for Planes
By means of some form of soap non-soluble in water petrol can be made into a jelly, in which form it is less inflammable and suffers less from evaporation. In the absence of proper tanks it can be transported in lorries or ordinary trucks.

But there is no saving in bulk, and before use the jelly has to be liquefied and separated from the soap in a press. This makes it valueless as fuel for aircraft.

Chamberlain's Nephew

Killed In Air Crash
It was revealed recently that Flying Officer Ralph Hope, twenty-eight-year-old nephew of Mr Chamberlain, reported killed in action, died in preventing his Hurricane from crashing on houses in S.E. London.

When he did bale out from his falling plane over some allotments for which he had aimed, his parachute did not open in time.

"Ralph Hope was the type of fellow who would do a thing like that and think nothing about it, said his squadron commander. "He was very brave, and thought little of his own safety where the safety of others was concerned."

Flying Officer Hope was captain of the Lower Boats at Eton, won the Silver Challenge Sculls at Oxford, and the amateur sculling championship of Great Britain. He rowed in the Oxford and Cambridge Boat-race and was a member of the University mountaineering club.

POLE WINS D.F.M.

The first British award to a Pole for service in the present war was announced recently. Flt-Sgt. Jozef Frantisek, of the Polish squadron, R.A.F., receives the D.F.M. for destroying five enemy aircraft in a week and displaying conspicuous gallantry in attacking superior numbers of German planes.

BETTER ANTI-TANK GUNS

BRITAIN is concentrating on the production of a more powerful anti-tank gun than any we have at present.

This is part of a programme of intensive training by the Royal Artillery.

The programme was embarked upon at the start of the war in face of an expansion to which the Germans had devoted seven leisurely years.

An elaborate system of instruction combined the infiltration of peace time officers into the expanded army and supervision by visiting instructors of gunnery.

It was working wonders when the withdrawal of the B.E.F. from France—with its consequent losses of men and material—necessitated what was almost a fresh start.

Past Repaired
Now, however, the Royal Regiment, after work which has put a great strain on all concerned, is satisfied that it has repaired the past, and that the gunnery branch of our defences—including A.A. units—is efficient.

Lessons learned by the B.E.F. form part of new recommendations by War Office committees. Especial insistence is placed on mobility and simplicity of organisation.

High explosive shell is now used to the exclusion of shrapnel, whereas shrapnel have been finally vanquished after a battle of theories lasting from the South African war. The Germans, incidentally, neglected shrapnel during the Great War.

CRASHED BUS-IN RAID JOY-RIDE

George McNeil Dickson, of Marchewell, near Wrexham, who said he had never driven a motor vehicle before, was fined £4, with £1 costs, at Chester recently for driving away a double-decker Corporation bus during an air raid alert.

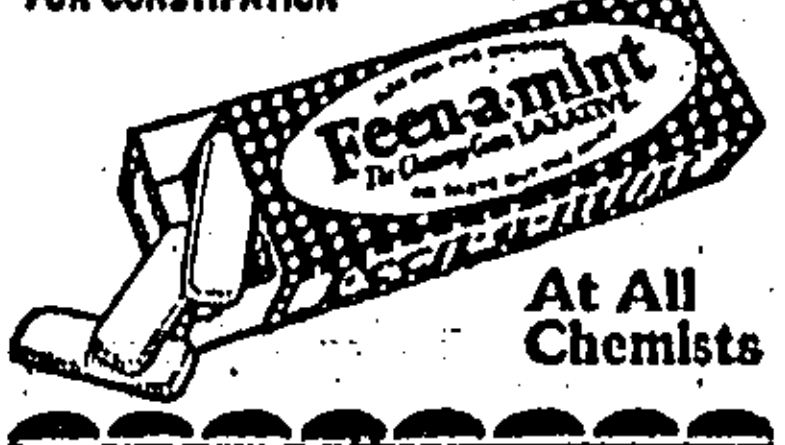
The police said the bus was left in a street at ten o'clock. It was later found to have crashed into an iron fence.

Dickson said he had been drinking.

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Around The Courses

Hole-in-One Tournament In America

Eight Winners In 97,330 Shots: Odds—12,166 to 1 Against Knowledge Of Rules For Competitive Play

(By "Birdie")

A FEW WEEKS AGO in these columns there appeared an article dealing with the odds against holing-in-one. It was in connection with an "Acers" Tournament organised by the "New York World Telegram" and the figures supplied were 7,267 to 1 against.

From the West Coast—San Francisco—there come figures from another such tournament organised by "The Examiner" and the computed odds are as high as 12,166 to 1 against.

This latter was won by a golfer named John Robson, who had not touched a club in two years. Allowed five shots, his first two were wide, his second two very short, but his last dropped 13 feet short of the five-foot circle with just sufficient momentum to trickle into the hole for one.

It was the eighth such hole-in-one since the inception of the Tournament in 1933. Over the years since, a total of 19,460 golfers had fired 97,330 shots with only 8 successes. These are the odds 12,166 to 1 against!

Though open to all, it was an amateur contest, and everything was free—even the balls and the clubs. The length of the hole was 184 yards, and this year's field of 3,047 golfers took six days to complete the tournament. Five of those 3,047 got within the one-foot circle of the pin, and 115 within the six-foot circle.

There doesn't seem to be any doubting the luck of these clubs for the second placed competitor, who was 8 inches from the pin, was a beginner.

Gertrude Lawrence, the English actress, had a smack at it in 1936, and in her stockings feet came within 5 feet of the pin. She tried

again this year, also without shoes, but was not so successful.

THERE is nothing more valuable to a golfer in a competition than a knowledge of the Rules of Golf. There were two incidents at the Country Club, Sheungshui, last weekend, the first of which was in the semi-final of the women's Championship, and the second in the final of the Junior Championship.

One of the competitors in the Junior final hooked his second shot on the 4th hole behind the seat of the 5th tee. This was a cement seat and was in line with the hole. He played it from where it lay, though he could have picked up and dropped again.

He won the hole, though in coming out from under the seat he hit the seat and rebounded still wide of the green.

The Rule covering this is No. 11 which says:

"If the player's stroke be interfered with by any such obstruction which is immovable and which is within two club's lengths of the ball, the ball may be lifted and dropped or on the putting green placed not more than two club's

Golf

Draw For Country Club

Men's Foursomes

DRAW for the First Round of the Men's Foursomes, at the Country Club, Sheungshui, resulted as follows:

Byes—
R. E. Lee and A. W. Ramsey v. C. R. Pereira and H. A. Alves.
B. Basto and H. R. Pina v. M. A. Simoes and W. G. Williams.
Geo. Lee and A. T. Lee v. C. H. Basto and A. A. Guterres.
F. X. M. Silva and M. F. Pina v. J. J. Basto and A. R. Pina.
C. E. Marques and B. Alves v. W. Williamson and C. S. Thom.

Byes—
T. Y. C. Lee and C. H. Suen v. W. C. Hung and E. J. M. Churn.
These matches will be played on Sunday next in the afternoon.

Captain's Cup
Members are reminded that first round matches of the Captain's Cup Competition are to be played this Sunday during the morning.

FAMOUS SPEED BOATS DESTROYED BY FIRE

LONDON, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—It is disclosed that the two motor speed-boats, Miss England II and Miss England III, made famous by the late Sir Henry Segrave and Mr. Kaye Don, were destroyed in a fire following a recent air raid.

Sir Henry Segrave lost his life in Miss England II a few moments after he had set up a new water speed record of 98.76 m.p.h. on Lake Windermere.
Kaye Don wrestled the record of over 111 m.p.h. from Gar Wood, the American, by piloting Miss England III at 117.43 m.p.h. on Loch Lomond in 1932.

lengths from the obstacle, but not nearer the hole, without penalty."

ONE of the women's semi-finalists played the wrong ball—a ball from another foursome. She approached the 3rd green and fell short. There she discovered that she had played the wrong ball, and on advice went back and played her own and landed on the green, not far from the pin.

But there appears to have been something which is not covered by the Rules. Her opponent had played her shot and had dropped several yards short of the green. This competitor then unknowingly smote the wrong ball and finished by some yards further ahead, but also short of the green. The opponent then played her next shot, but in doing so struck the ball in front (the wrong ball), and failed to get on the green.

Rule No. 20 (2) reads: "If a player play a stroke with the ball of anyone not engaged in the match, and the mistake be discovered and intimated to his opponent before his opponent has played his next stroke, there shall be no penalty; if the mistake is not discovered and so intimated until after the opponent has played his next stroke, the player's side shall lose the hole." (Italics are mine).

In this case the mistake was not discovered until after the opponent had played her second shot which had struck the ball in front.

In accordance with the Rule, therefore, the hole was won by the opponent, for it was not until they had walked up to the ball in front that the mistake was discovered—but it was after the opponent had played her next stroke!

But how could the mistake be known until the ball is reached, and it was the opponent's turn to play, being further from the hole? They played on happily in ignorance, and the opponent won the match.

CONGESTION on the Country Club course is becoming a problem and to alleviate such at the first tee, starting times are to be introduced—and these will be in force for the first round of the Captain's Cup Competition on Sunday.

A FACT worthy of note was recently brought to my attention. It was in connection with the wooden pegs generally in use, but one player had possession of a nice metal set and did not discover until it was too late that the metal pegs had been damaging the front of his driver.

Quite a number of dents had chipped the wood of the surface requiring complete repair.



Thomson (Club scrum-half) smothering Cpl Sutherland (Army) in the Club-Army Quadrangular Tournament rugby match at Happy Valley last Saturday. Lt Millar and Lt Pinkerton are seen on the right hoping for the ball.—Ming Yuen.

History of South China A.A. Recounted to Referees' Assn.

Address by Mr W. H. Chen

An address on the history of the South China Athletic Association which has grown from 50 members in 1916 to a membership of nearly 10,000 to-day, and its part in the development of the youth of China, was given by Mr Walter Hanning Chen, General Secretary of the Association, at the monthly meeting of the Football Referees' Association at the Hotel Cecil last night.

Mr Chen said that during the Manchu dynasty, people were not permitted to engage in physical culture for fear that they would grow too strong and become a menace to the throne. The establishment of the Chinese Republic brought many changes, one of which was the springing up of a number of sporting and athletic clubs all over the country.

Among the most important were South China in Hongkong and the Chin Woo Athletic Association in Shanghai.

The Far Eastern Olympic Games, held in Shanghai, Manila and Tokyo between 1915 and 1935 served to arouse great interest in sports among the younger Chinese, and the resulting interest in sport had brought about a great physical development in the health of young China.

Dealing with sport taken up by South China, Mr Chen said the most popular was football, and other games played at present were baseball, soft-ball, tennis, basketball, volleyball, badminton, swimming, water-polo and ping-pong.

Referring to past activities, Mr Chen said the Club toured Australia with a football team in 1923 and since then had sent teams to many other parts of the world.

Stormy Years

The Association passed through its most stormy year in 1926, when the membership campaign was adversely affected by economic stress. Then certain events resulted in most of the members resigning and for a while the activities were crippled.

In 1932, the Association withdrew from membership of the Football Association owing to differences of opinion, but were later prevailed upon to resume.

The Caroline Hill site was allotted to them by Government in 1927 and a hill on the site was transformed into an imposing pavilion, occupying an area of over 7,000 square feet.

1940/41 Hopes

Mr Chen said that although 1940 was too recent to call for comment, they were still looking forward to winning the football championship this year despite the fact that many of their senior football members had left and joined another organization.

After reciting the numerous football honours won by the Association and its members, Mr Chen gave brief biographies of some of their football stars. They included Lee Wal-long, whom he described as the world's most travelled footballer; Tam Kwan-hon, Lau Hing-choi, Lam Tak-po, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Kwok-wai, Lau Chung-sang and others.

Routine Business

A supply of Referees' badges, ordered in 1938, had just been received by the Association, and members were advised to send in applications for them.

Other business included a complaint by Sgt Windsor, R.A., that he had arrived to referee two matches on two successive days but the teams had failed to appear. Sgt Windsor was told that the matter was a case for the League Management Committee of the Football Association to deal with. Another complaint dealt with the absence of line-men at junior matches.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Varsity Response

Sir,—"Mr" R. Abbit seems to be in a jumble himself by quoting that the University let the Army down (for the second time this season!)

It is inconceivable that the Army should have expected to play the University if a fixture was not arranged for such a date. The University eleven were originally down to play I.R.C. on January 4th as a glance at the fixture cards of both clubs will reveal. These matches were cancelled (by mutual agreement) in order to play a vital Inter-faculty tie match, a decision from which was necessary before the next day, for presentation of the Hornell Shield.

On November 16th the University 1st XI was down to play the Army 1st XI at Sookunpoo but on arriving at the ground we were somewhat startled to see no Army team. Perhaps "Mr" R. Abbit might be able to explain that predicament.

There can be no question about the University fixture card being jumbled as "Mr" R. Abbit stated. I would like to suggest that "Mr" R. Abbit glance at the various fixture cards he has at hand before making comments of such a nature in future.

S. MAHMOOD,
Hon. Secretary,
H.K.U.C.C.

It was generally felt that the game should be played with or without line-men but that the referee concerned should make a report to the Football Association who should take the matter up.

The Chairman, Mr H. Beard, concluded by saying that Mr W. E. Hollands would be the speaker at the next meeting.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1941

15th, 17th, 18th, 19th, and 22nd February.

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By Order of the Stewards,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 6th January, 1941.

Royal Scots Enter Final Of Small Units Rugger Tournament

AT THE EXPENSE of Middlesex, who were beaten by 9 points (three tries) to 3 (a try), Royal Scots entered the final of the Small Units Rugby Tournament yesterday at Sookunpoo.

Credit for the Scots' victory in yesterday's semi-final goes, in a large measure, to the superior strength and combination of the three.

Middlesex, in this department, had a good pair in Morgeridge and Man, but once the ball passed this combination it was handled somewhat weakly and indecisively.

Scots deserved their victory. The score should have been a bigger one only that Marshall, on left wing, failed to force down after a great run over the line. He strove to get close to the posts but was robbed. All in all he was the most outstanding player of the match.

Bateman and Nealon, scorers of other tries, also did good work while Phillips featured in several spectacular breaks-away.

Middlesex pack were somewhat superior in the scrums and line-outs. Morgeridge was in great form and constantly relieved pressure with excellently judged kicks to touch. Man's tackling and passing left nothing to be desired.

The Game

SCOTS took an early lead when Marshall touched down in the corner following a good run, but Middlesex rallied and in a few minutes had evened matters when Thomson, left wing, went over, also in the corner. Neither try was converted.

In the second half, play was not so even, and Scots were constantly hammering on the Middlesex line. Marshall almost rewarded their efforts when he crossed over, but he lost the ball when striving to touch down closer to the posts.

Two tries were forthcoming, however, when Nealon and Bateman crossed over, but their efforts were not converted.

The teams were:
Scots—Stevenson; O'Brien, Hanson, Bateman, Marshall; Phillips, Grace; Nealon, McKenzie; Durie, Dickson, Hunter, Loughlin, Sims, Livingston.
Middlesex—Hollard, Thomson, Radley, Cordery, Dickens; Man, Morgeridge; Wilson, Bailey, Heather, Plimke, Wookley, Berry, Goddard.

ENGINEERS BEAT GUNNERS
Engineers defeated 5th Anti-Aircraft Battery a goal and four tries (17) to two tries (6).

The final of the small units league matches will be played on January 21.

Home Rugby

Army Beat Middlesex 16-11

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—An Army XV beat Middlesex by 16 points to 11 in a friendly game of rugby football.

Scottish Soccer Results

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—The following were the results of football matches played in Scotland to-day:

LEAGUE		
Dumbarton	2 Falkirk	1
Morton	1 St Mirren	2
Rangers	2 Celtic	3
FRIENDLY		
Queen O'Sh	0 Preston	3

Army Soccer XI For Kotewall Cup

The following have been chosen to represent the Army against the Navy in the Kotewall Cup competition to be played at Caroline Hill on Wednesday, January 22 at 4 p.m.
Bankier (R. Scots); Nayemith (R. Scots); Fraser (R. Scots); Birrell (R. Engineers); Bright (M'x); and Freshwater (M'x); Owens (H.A.), Hosack (R. Scots), Fox (H. Engineers), Weir (H.A.S.C.) and Duffield (H.A.O.C.), Reserves—Reynolds (H.A.O.C.), Lawton (H.A.), Guy (H.A.), Pearson (M'x), Pelham (H. Engineers) and Munro (H. Scots).

PAPER HUNT

Members of the Cottage Club are reminded that the next paper hunt will be held on Saturday, January 11 at 4 p.m.

The hunt will start from Fanling village.

Fanling Hounds Meet Cancelled

The meet of the Fanling hounds scheduled for Sheung Shui crosses at 2.45 p.m. to-day has been cancelled because of unforeseen circumstances.

Craigengower Cricket Teams

The following will represent Craigengower first and second Cricket teams in League matches against Kowloon C.C. and Indian R.C. at home and at Sookunpoo on Saturday:
First XI—E. Zimmer (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria, E. H. Esmail, H. G. Forman, A. B. James, J. J. Hulbe, A. K. Ismail, C. J. Mitchell, W. Hong Sing, G. Souza and J. L. Youngs. Reserve—T. H. Edgar.

Second XI—A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, S. Leonard, T. Lee, M. Omar and W. Way. Reserves—O. M. Omar and I. Chua.

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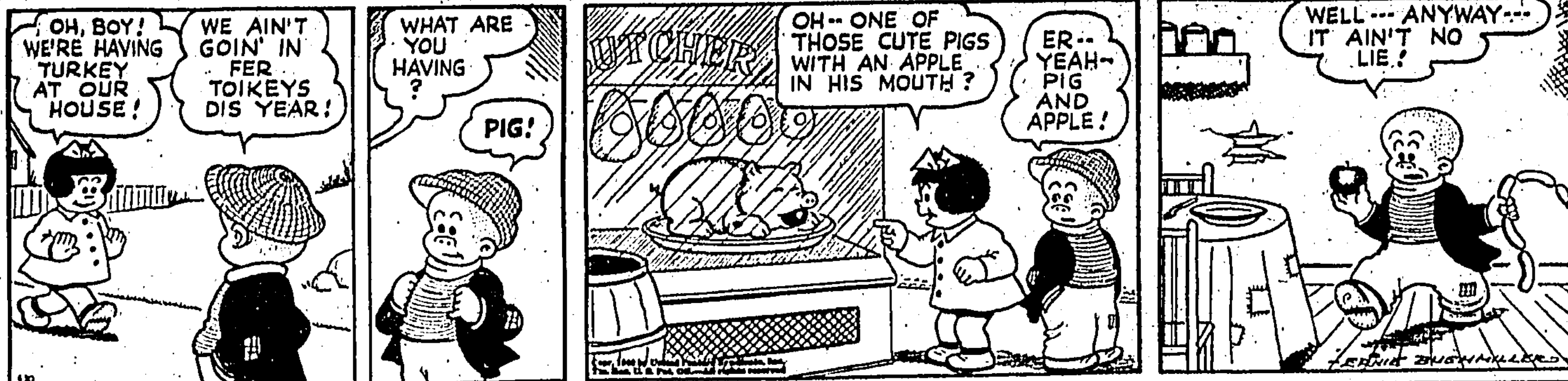
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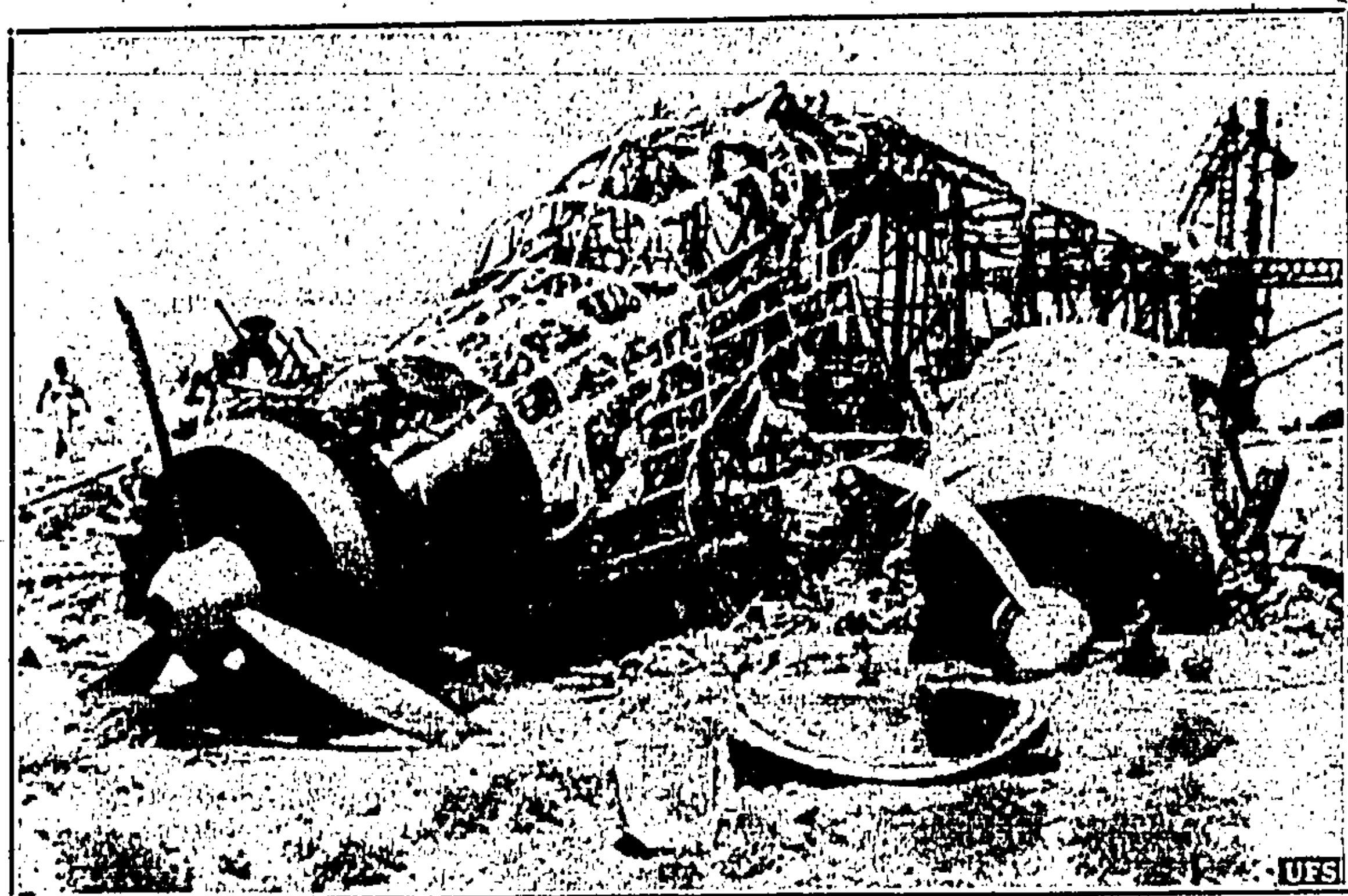
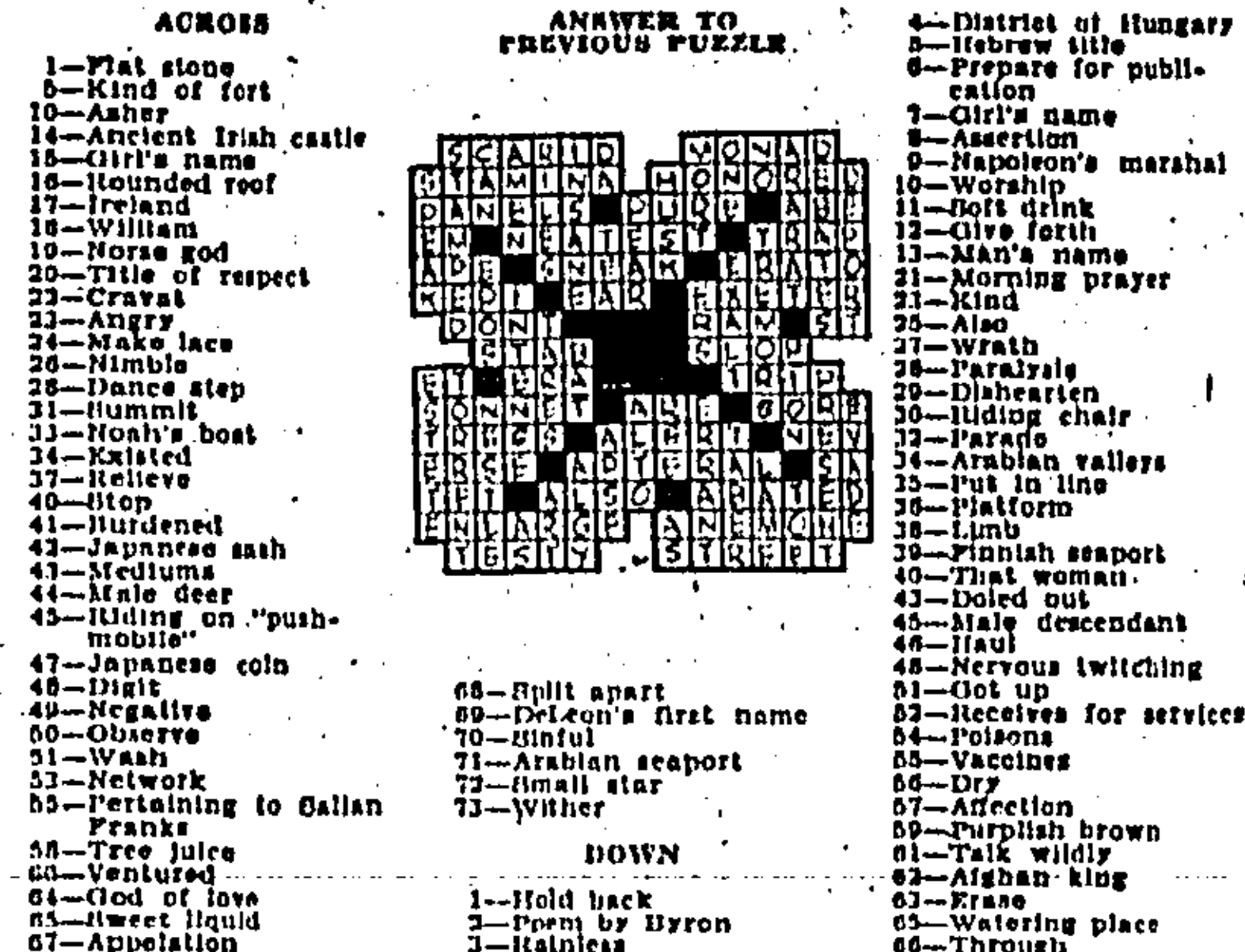
NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

Crossword Puzzle

By LANS MORRIS



ITALIAN FIGHTER'S END—It's a desert graveyard for this Italian fighter plane shot down by British anti-aircraft gunners, somewhere in North Africa. Plane apparently came down in flames and only skeleton, charred and twisted, remains.

NEW THAI CANAL SCHEME

THE Thai Government is contemplating joining the Phang-nya river, which flows into the sea on the west coast of the Peninsula, and the Tapi river at Surat-Thani, reports the Thai newspaper, "Pramuen Wan."

The Phang-nya river is situated inland of the Papua Strait, which is approximately 239 miles from Penang, while Surat-Thani is on the east coast, almost on the Isthmus of Kra.

The distance between the two rivers is said to be about 20 kilometres, and the policy is to make this a combined stream navigable for small craft which will only have to traverse a distance of from 600 to 800 kilometres.

This would be a highly valuable route, as at present ships travelling from the Indian Ocean to the Gulf of Thailand have to go right round the Malay Peninsula via Singapore. This appears to be quite a feasible scheme in place of the Kra Isthmus. A survey is now being carried out.

Other Routes

There is still another project for seagoing vessels to link the Indian Ocean with the Gulf without having to go round the Malay Peninsula. Two routes appear to present themselves.

One is to join the Satul river, which is almost 100 miles from Penang, with the Sal river, which flows into the inland sea at Phatthana on the east coast of the Peninsula, and has its outlet at Songkhla, a few miles further down. The distance is not too great.

The second proposed route is to extend the Thachin river at Trang, which is a few miles from the Satul river, to the inland sea at Phatthana, also not of a great distance. These two routes have already been surveyed.

Soviet Army Leader Lauds R.A.F.

A striking article by Capt. Krainef in the Soviet Army organ, "Red Star," emphasises that the Germans have failed to win mastery of the air.

In their first mass attack on Britain, he writes, they failed to repeat their successes against French aerodromes because they lacked information of the redistribution of British forces; many field aerodromes and landing grounds had been added to the 300 aerodromes existing before the war and the camouflage had been beautifully done.

The defensive measures taken by the R.A.F. Command, in fact, influenced the whole course of the struggle.

German's Mistake

The Germans also failed, Capt. Krainef states, to concentrate on the bombing of air factories—most of them being bombed once or twice only at the most. The Spitfire works at Woolston suffered most, then the air engine works at Rochester. The whole air industry of Britain goes on working.

There had been few attacks against flying schools, except Cranwell, and in one case most of the flying schools were in Canada. More successful blows were struck at petrol stores.

Undefeated

The present battles showed that the air mastery did not belong to either side. The British Air Force was undefeated, and was now actually widening its scope of offensive action and was continuing to raid Berlin. In fact, only mass concentration on one target, e.g., Britain's industry, could give a decisive result.

There was much damage in London, but the forces of resistance of this giant city are still great. It continues its industrial and Government work.

Hongkong Man In Command

Auxiliary Military Corps

From plain Mister to Major-General in one day is the experience of a former Hongkong man who is now behind the great clean-up of London's bomb debris.

He is Major-General L. W. Amps, who commands the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps. By a coincidence, the commanding officer's name forms the initials of the Corps.

Hongkong remembers Major-General Amps as a partner of the firm of Logan and Amps, which was responsible for the construction of the new building of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. After the building was completed, Mr. Amps (as he then was) retired. He paid a visit to the Colony last year shortly before the A.M.P.C. was formed.

"Promoted from just plain Mister to Major-General in one day, Amps has had an amazing career," a close friend of his told a correspondent.

A constructional engineer, he was lieutenant of the R.E.'s in the last war, and lost a foot when wounded on the Somme. He has never let his disability handicap him, though; is wonderfully active, and has travelled and worked all over the globe.

Fought In France

"Soon after he returned to Britain last year he was selected for the post he now holds. Under his leadership the A.M.P.C. not only did invaluable work erecting fortifications and other buildings in France, but also fought gloriously.

"When the great withdrawal from France began, 11,000 of them helped to defend Boulogne. Amps is proud to bear the name of his corps."

Britain's Role In Future world

A prediction that the future world society will develop in the English-speaking world was made by Dorothy Thompson recently.

Speaking in New York she said: "To-day under a rain of bombs, in debris and wreckage amidst the moans of heroes who are dying a soldier's death in children's dresses and matron's aprons and in the sober garb of business men and the overalls of workers, a new British democracy is being born.

"It is the common people who behave like Shakespeare's kings. As surely as I stand here and talk to you there will rise in the English-speaking world a poet to write of kindly common people when this war is over. Some new Shakespeare will write the drama of Dunkirk."

Nazi Pilot Knew Isle Of Wight

"Will you pull up at 'The Blacksmith's Arms,' at the top of the hill? I could do with a drink," coolly said a crashed German pilot to Harold Blow, a lorry driver, who was taking him into Newport, I.O.W.

The pilot, a lieutenant, 6ft 2in tall, who had baled out after the petrol tank of his machine had been riddled by bullets from a British fighter plane, was seen near a hedge on the main road between Calbourne and Carisbrooke and was given a lift by Blow after submitting to a search.

"I asked him how he knew where he was, and he replied that he had often been to the island and knew every inch of it," said Blow. "He also said that he knew Southampton well as he used to go there in liners before the war. He spoke broken English. He did not seem worried about his fighting days being over."

Britain's Health Standard High

Britain has apparently the highest health standard in the world, according to Dr. Haven Emerson, former president of the American Association of Public Health.

Dr. Emerson has made a study of European health, and said that Britain had two outstanding safeguards for remaining isolated from any European pestilence. The first was the English Channel, and the second was the British quarantine system.

Typhus was the greatest threat to the health in Europe at present, stated Dr. Emerson, and it would break out most likely in such countries as Poland, Russia and the Balkans.

Germany was another trouble spot. After the last war the tuberculosis death rate doubled there, and the severe working conditions, added to the lack of expert medical care under the Nazi regime, has brought about the present low standard of health.

Nazis Fear Sabotage By Workers

Reports reaching trade union headquarters in Britain point to increasing difficulties in Germany's transport.

Germany's railway system was overtaxed even during the years of war preparations. To-day it cannot cope with demands.

Locomotives and goods wagons are declared to be insufficient in number. Open wagons are being loaded on top over normal limit.

Men are being required to work up to 14 hours a day.

Plant and men are showing the effect.

At the close of the first year of war the German State Railways admit that goods wagons are in service only on 100 days out of 300.

R.A.F. Has Helped

Occupation of other countries has added to the demands on transport of troops and war material and food-stuffs.

British air attacks have helped very substantially to increase the difficulties by the damage done to waterways.

Germany's movement of barges to the North Sea coast for the advertised invasion of Britain swells the trouble.

Hitler is also having extensive trouble in trying to maintain output of war material.

British air raids have done so much damage that much war work is being transferred to occupied Czech territory.

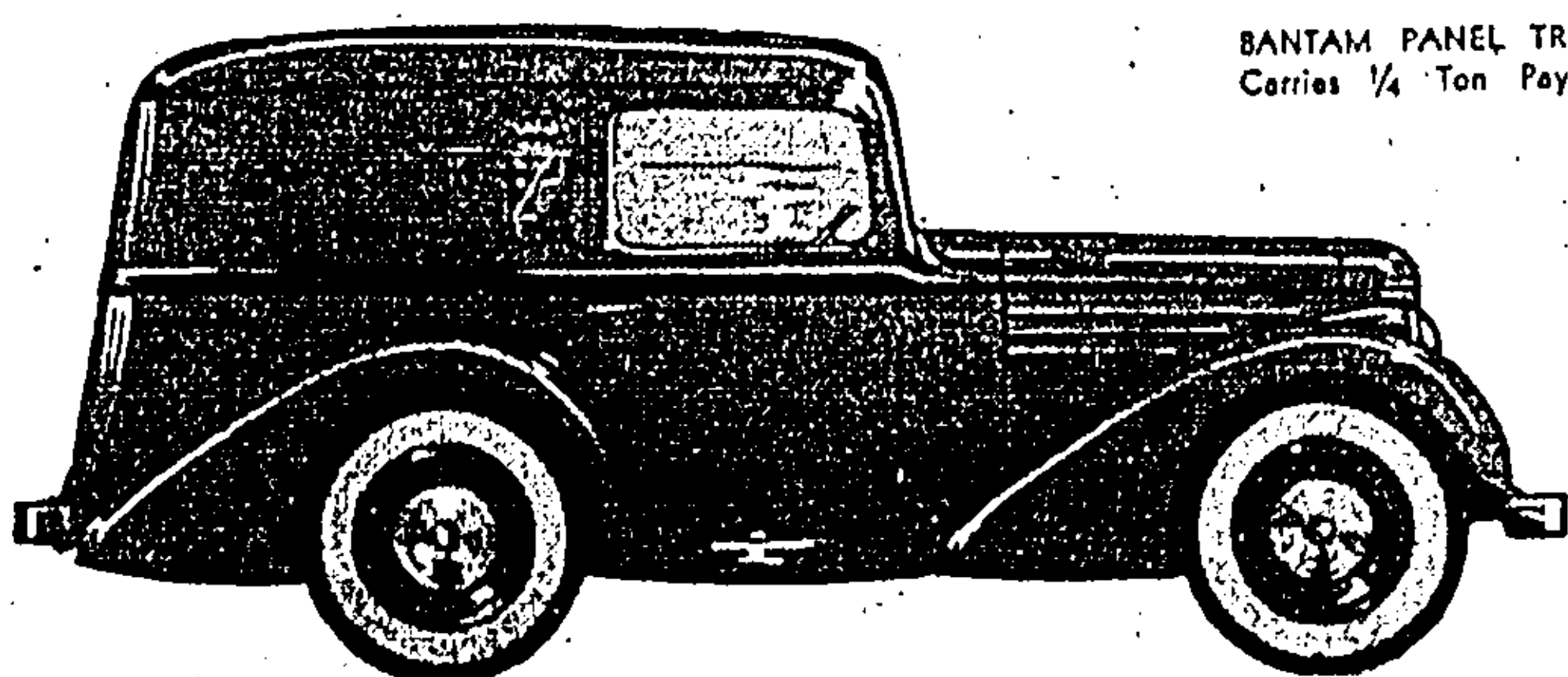
But the newspapers of Prague and Brno carry reports of men condemned to death in some cases and to long terms of imprisonment in others for removing essential parts of machinery in Czech factories, with serious effect on production.

Sabotage Fears

The German rulers' fear of sabotage is based not only on the known hostility of the occupied countries, but also on experience during the last war.

Dr. Friedensburg, a German military expert, writing in a monthly journal last January, said: "One of the reasons why Germany lost the war in 1918 was the systematic sabotage of production by the workers, technicians and engineers in the occupied areas of Belgium and France.

Even apart from deliberate sabotage that may or may not be practised, Hitler faces all the time the fact that he is more and more dependent on hostile people, from whom he can never get any measure of willing co-operation."



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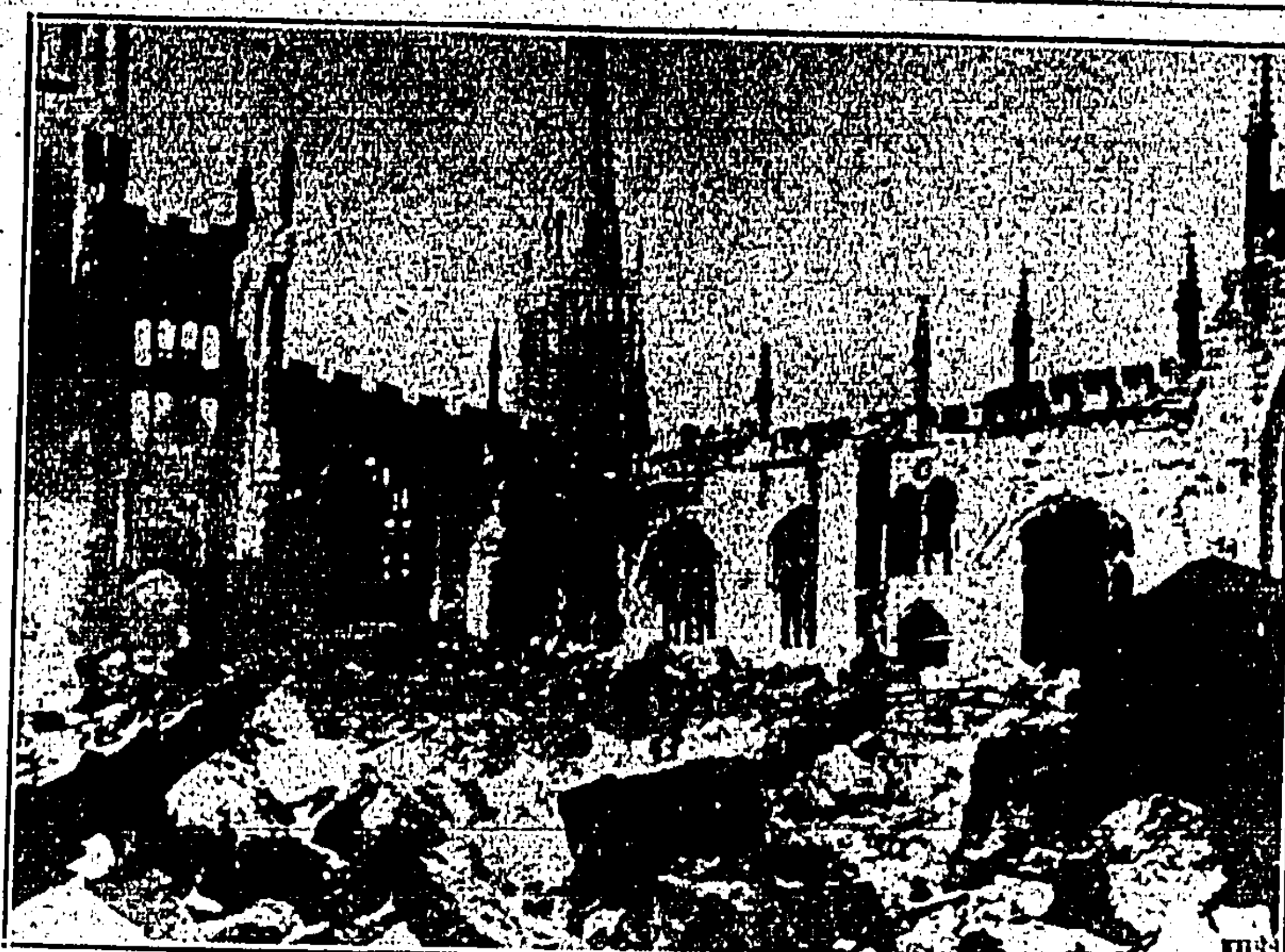
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ADOLF DISLIKED IN AMERICA

New Kind Of Warfare

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuters).—The "Philadelphia Enquirer" on January 5 stated: "One great and terrible evil about Adolf Hitler is that he has largely erased the old warrior virtues and has substituted a complete and thorough-going code of faithlessness and ruthlessness in their place."

The "Charlotte Observer" on the same day stated: "All mankind, the world, rich and poor men, women and children of all races and creeds—all these with many things at variance, hold one thing in common—they despise the common thief. The German under Hitler is a common thief. He raids the barn, the stable and kitchen of the weak. He is not even a robber, for he comes not boldly but with a sneaking false story. He invades by stealth in the night. He comes through the back door by means of his fifth columnists and with the aid of the traitor, and the spy."

New Plane For R.A.F.

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuters).—A new type of plane is being added to Britain's air strength and is expected to play a useful part in the war.

A light twin-engine bomber, the new plane is to be known as the "Blenheim" and is the result of experiments carried out at one of the most important aeroplane factories in the country.

Its performance and armaments are a close secret at present. It is a general reconnaissance and torpedo bomber and is powered by two Persius engines.

STOCK EXCHANGE Foreign Bonds Advance

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuters).—On the Stock Exchange to-day there was more general inquiry while President Roosevelt's speech favourably assisted the sentiment.

Among foreign bonds, both the four per cent. Belgian loans advanced from 40 to 50. Chinese and Portuguese loans were well supported. Home rails and several textile shares were firmer on provincial support. Oil shares met speculative inquiry and some good gains were registered. Wall Street was quiet.

Famous Eire Horses

Army School Closes

DUBLIN, Jan. 7 (Reuters).—Horses which have won fame in several parts of the world for their jumping feats will be sold on Thursday following the decision of the Eire Department of Defence to close the Army School of Equitation.

For many years the Eire Army team has distinguished itself in international jumping competitions in Europe and America. The cessation of international tournaments owing to the war is no doubt largely responsible for the closing of the school.

Camel Corps Turns To Armoured Cars

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuters).—The famous Scania-Land Camel Corps has been completely re-organised and re-equipped, says a Nairobi message. It has joined the East African forces under its old name but with armoured cars instead of camels.

U.S. BUDGET TO AID BRITAIN

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Representatives, while in the Senate it is believed that the isolationists cannot muster a bigger vote than 30.

Lease and Lend Plan
The belief is freely expressed that once Roosevelt's "Lend and Lease Plan" is approved by Congress, it will place all existing American arms as well as new production under the direction of the President and his military and naval experts for use in the struggle of the democracies against aggressors.

This would appear to make it possible for destroyers to be released to the British, and for the existing American Air Force if it is felt expedient to do so.

It is believed that this is an adequate answer to those who are apprehensive that American help might not materialise early enough to meet the expected Axis offensive in spring.

Nuisance Raiders

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damaged at several points in the London area, a Midlands town and in a few other places to-day. A small number were killed and others injured.

Mist Over Sea
LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuters).—It was bitterly cold in the Channel off Dover to-day with a north-east wind and dense mist over the sea.

German planes in small numbers were reported during the day and some bombs were dropped. Three fell in East Anglia but only one did any damage, and there were no casualties.

German bombers made four attacks on two "trawlers" off the south-east coast. They were greeted with fierce machine-gun fire and made off when a British fighter came on.

Late Night Report
LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuters).—For the second night in succession, there was no enemy activity over Britain up to a late hour to-night.

Danes Want Hand In Government

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 7 (Reuters).—King Christian of Denmark has taken up a firm stand in face of strong pressure to which the Danish Government is being subjected by the occupying German authorities. The "Dagens Nyheter" declares that King Christian is insisting on popular representation in the Danish Government and is refusing to agree to any reconstruction of the Government which would involve abandonment of this basic principle.

Indo-China Govt. To Move

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HANOI, Jan. 7 (UP).—The Indo-China Government will move to Saigon some time next week.

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Armistice Experts Drowned

SEVEN members of the German-French Armistice Commission have been killed in a plane crash in the Mediterranean.

They were returning from North Africa to France.

Three of the experts were French, four German.

Six German N.C.O.s and soldiers also lost their lives.

The announcement was made by Vichy to explain the presence of a party of German soldiers in Marseilles.

It stated that the German authorities asked the French Government to allow a party to attend the funeral of a member of the Commission who had been killed in the crash.

The plane was a French machine, contributed to the entertainment.

Newspaper Bombed In Shanghai

Shanghai, Jan. 7. For the third time within six months, the Shun Pao, American-owned Chinese language paper, was bombed last evening when three hand-grenades were thrown outside the building in the heart of the International Settlement. Four persons were injured. One suspect was arrested.

The bombing followed the attempted outrage on Sunday evening when a Chinese Constable found three hand-grenades in the vicinity of the paper. This terrorist act is believed to be retaliation for the bombing of the Wang Ching-wei paper last week.

The publisher of the Shun Pao is Mr. N. F. Allman, an American lawyer and member of the Municipal Council, who is one of seven foreign newspapermen black-listed by the Nanking Government.—Reuters.

The Bomber Fund benefited by a collection of over \$100 last night as a result of a concert held in the city and under military honours to the Mosby which had been washed up when several artists from the Corps.

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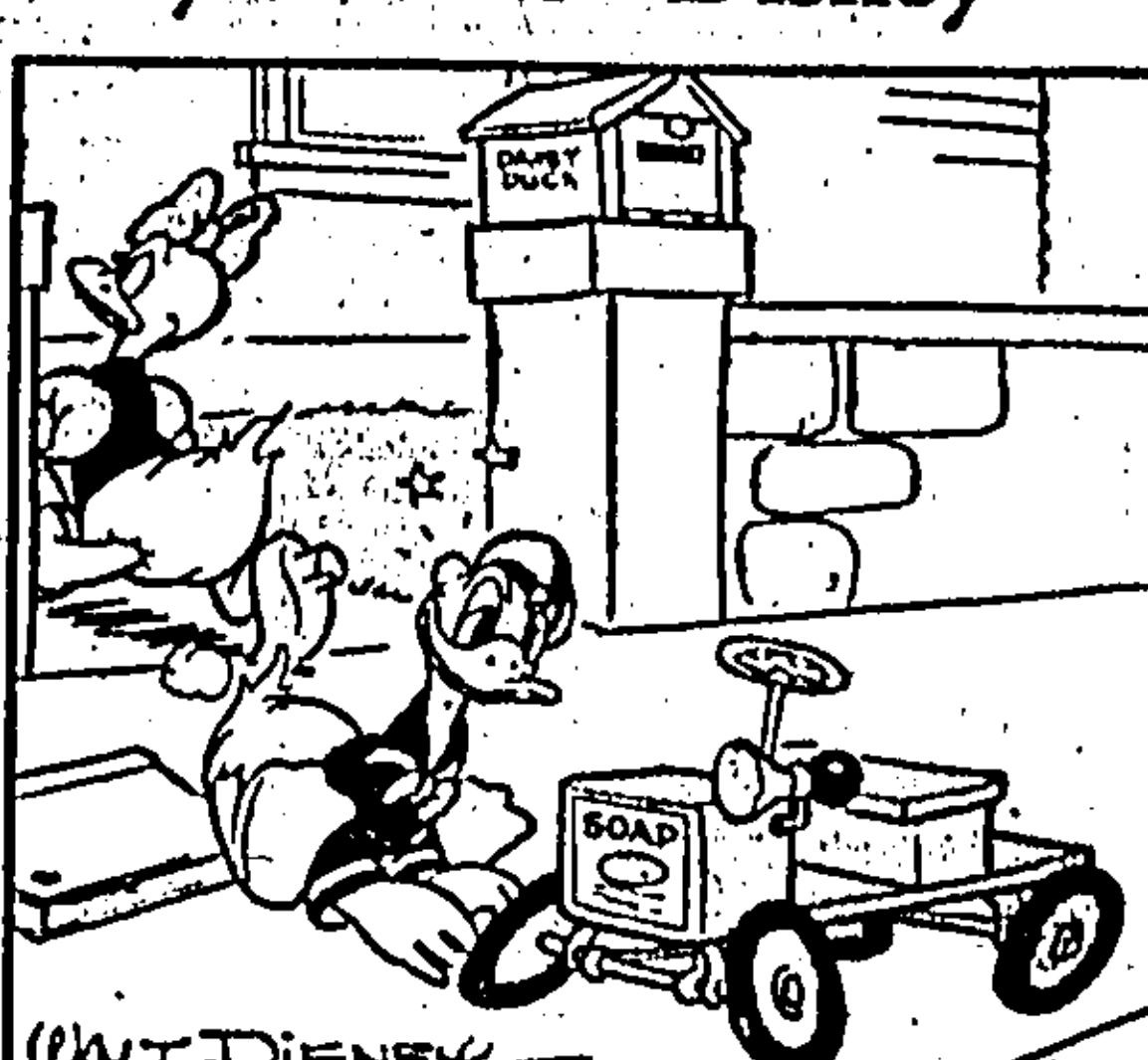
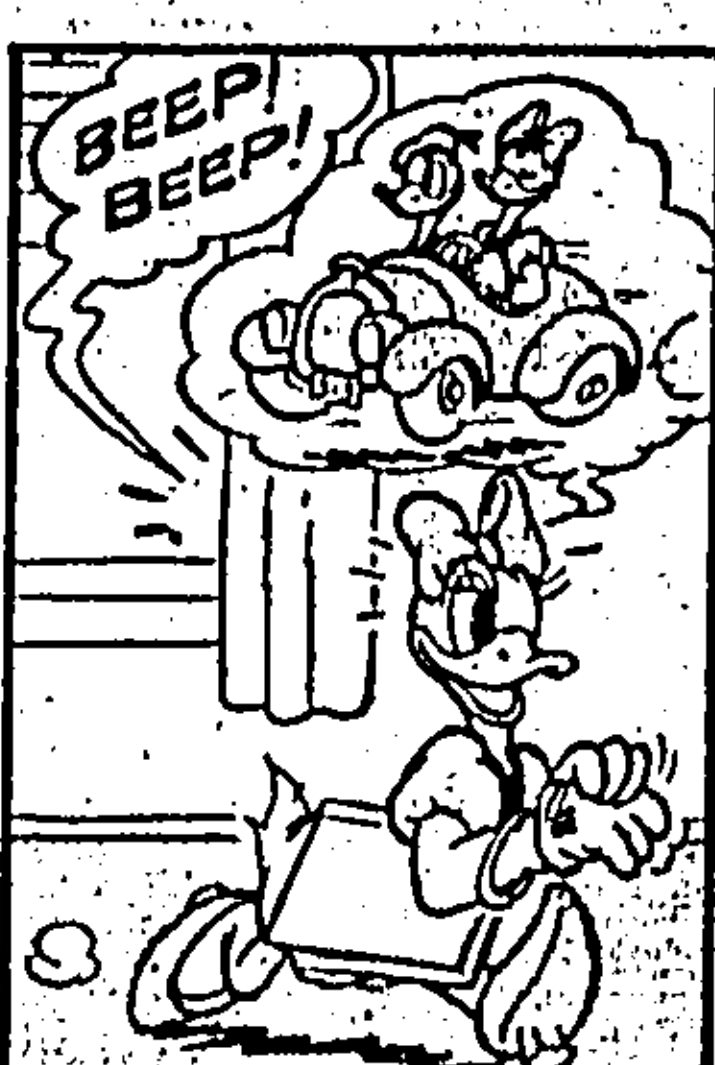
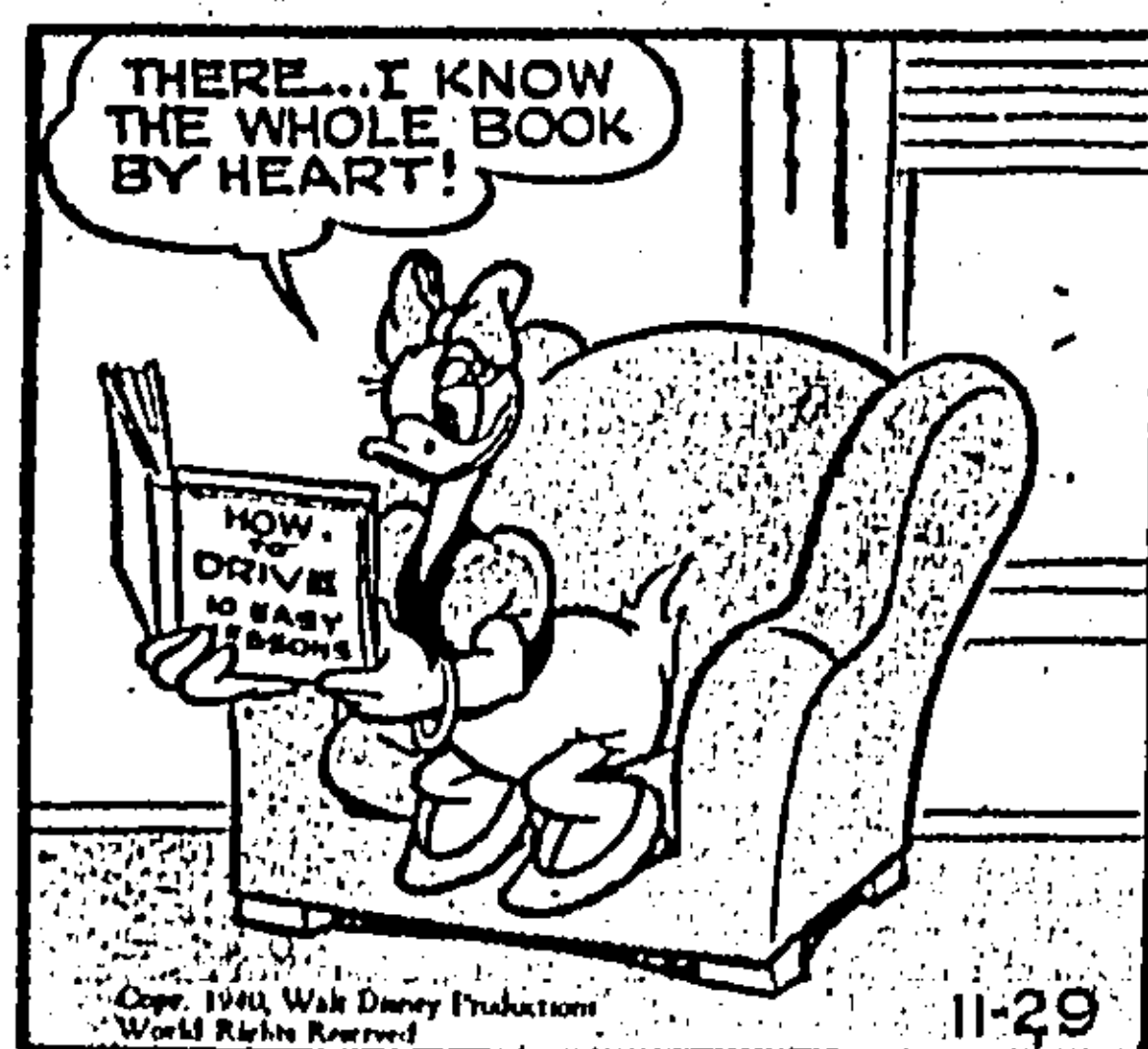
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"EUROPE'S LUNG"
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MOVES WEST

By Henry Buckley

LISBON.
THE fragrant perfume of honeysuckle fills the night air in the gardens of Estoril Casino. It is not a pretty building as seen from outside. It was designed and built by two Frenchmen, Jourde and Paul Reynes, and the French do not like clean, straight lines.

But inside you forget that the outside is all corners, for the restaurant, with its spacious dance floor, is pleasant and airy, and it has the biggest plate glass windows I ever saw anywhere.

From them you can look out over the moon-lit Bay of Cascaes and see the Atlantic rollers pound the beach and see the twinkling lights of the pilot ship in the background.

"Europe's lung" they call this little corner of the Continent, where life still goes on with some pretence of normality, where you can have all the petrol you want and sugar is not rationed, and whisky cheaper than at home. Lisbon to-day is the cross-roads of Europe, and Estoril, just fifteen miles away, houses the elite of the travellers who come and go.

THE party of men in dinner dress sitting over in one corner of the casino restaurant are oil men. They have been having a conference in the Hotel Palacio down near the station for the last few days.

If you knew what they had decided on you might have an inkling of how the war will go, for so much depends on this liquid gold. The grey-haired oil king at the head of the table is rated as one of the six richest men in Britain.



The group of heavily built, solid Swiss citizens at a table nearby, who have obviously dined heartily, have come to Lisbon from Switzerland to shop for their nation. There is no more individual buying, the Swiss Government purchases and distributes the goods—when it can get them.

These are some of the smartest—Swiss business brains, and their job is a heavy one. They must find sellers, pay in gold, get permission for the goods to pass the British control—if they are articles not available in Portugal—and then they must use endless ingenuity to transport the merchandise across a Spain whose rolling stock was ruined by the civil war, and then over the disorganised railway system of unoccupied France to the frontier, and into Switzerland by motor truck.

A TALL Frenchman and a short, stocky, rough-looking Dutchman

watch the dancers as if there were no more important thing in the world to do. The Frenchman arrived in Paris from the Baltic fifty years ago, a penniless youth, and today he is reputed to be worth well over £5,000,000. He is a refugee; off to New York.

The Dutchman is one of the best-known gold dealers in Europe. He talks in terms of gold bricks—a brick weighs 400ozs. and sells at about £8 an ounce to-day, so I am told. If you were to ask him how much gold you would need to send from Zurich to New York to pay a debt there in Argentine paper pesos, he would gaze up at the ceiling for a few minutes and then he would tell you exactly how many bricks you would need and what transport, insurance, loss of interest during transport, would cost you. Compared with his French colleague he is a man of modest means; he is worth about one million sterling.

NEXT door to the restaurant is the gambling hall where you have the choice of losing your money at roulette, French Bank, or—if you are ready to gamble real money—at baccarat. A lackey bars the way to the baccarat table; you must give your name there and some indication of being a person of substance.

The keen-faced woman with glasses who sits at the far end of the table is familiar figure there—and at most casinos in Europe. The wife of a millionaire Balkan banker, her face changes not at all whether she wins or loses two or three hundred pounds at a sitting.

The roulette tables are more democratic. You can play as little as two escudos fifty-sevenpence. And if you put it in the middle of a square and the number comes up you will get back thirty-five times sevenpence, which makes just £1 0s. 6d. But that rarely happens.

A Central European couple, man and wife, both with paper and pencil, are playing very carefully. They do not look rich, possibly they hope to make some money to help them on their way. He has drawn an elaborate chart. They bet only on the red colour, and two shillings at a time, and get back their investment if a red number wins instead of a black. I hope they win. But people rarely do when they need the money.



The distinguished figure in evening dress accompanied by two charming young Portuguese women is a well-known German writer and one of these clever young people sent either by Herr von Ribbentrop, or by Herr von Ribbentrop, and it may be my mistake, but it does look to me as if the tall, intelligent-looking Englishman playing at table number one is really paying far more attention to the movements of the visitor from Berlin than he is to his game. He is going to lose an awful lot of money unless the German goes soon, I am afraid.

At the next table is a star radio speaker of Columbia Broadcasting—you will have heard his quiet, effective voice many a time from various European capitals if you tune into the American broadcasts regularly. He is going back to see ten month-old twins who won't recognise the papa who put them in a boat at Cherbourg five months ago. A well-known movie news reel operator is sitting with him.

It used to be a common saying that if you sat long enough on the terrace of the Cafe de la Paix on the Place de l'Opera in Paris you would see the whole world go by. That is nearly true to-day of Estoril Casino. Only those were gladder days.

To-day we are watching the collapse of a Europe which will never be the same again, no matter what the war takes. It is the atmosphere of a rainy autumn day.

FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



"Oh, General, I'm knitting a sweater for Junior—what size will he be next month?"

One of the things we are
fighting for is to be able to
SAY WHAT
WE THINK

CAN we have a little sanity on the subject of Mr. H. G. Wells? He went to America to speak his mind about this war. His outlook has not coincided with the more conventional idea of propaganda that should be fed to the Americans. Therefore Mr. Wells should not have been granted an exit permit.

By this confession in the House of Commons we are to use exit permits as a form of censorship. Yet our censorship is based on information to the enemy and not expression of opinion.

Mr. Wells has given away no great military secrets, no details of defence. He has called a few generals fools, and, under the present struggle for freedom of speech, he is entitled to do so. He has been called an agnostic, and similarly we claim to fight for freedom of faith, religious or otherwise.

The accusation that he is alienating American sympathy for our cause is a foolish one. Mr. Wells is greatly respected in America, and I am sufficiently confident of American sympathy to believe that it can be left to judge for itself.

In our propaganda to the United States there has been too much of this attitude of "beards for the natives." The American public is an enlightened one, bred on facts. It is not taken in by the fairy picture of heroes that a number of people would wish to give it.

We might do credit to our friends by presenting them all

A woman looks at the war—by
HILDE
MARCHANT

grades of opinion and outlook. The Americans are not entirely a race of nitwits.

★
ANOTHER sweet story about a dear lady who was giving a party and suddenly announced to her friends, "Now look, Mr. So-and-So, an American is coming up. Let's not talk about our fears, shall we? It makes such a bad impression."

Nuts! To all whom it may concern—I am frightened, and have sufficient imagination to know the damage a bomb on my house would make. Only a mummy would pretend otherwise. Let's tell the Americans we don't like bombs, but we can at least behave well under them.

★
TO support my point, let me tell you of a comment from Mr. Ralph Ingersoll, the American proprietor of the newspaper P.M. "One thing that pleases me here is that I can go anywhere, see anything, say anything without being challenged. And believe me, you have nothing to hide from the American public." Let us live up to that tribute.

★
A SUGGESTION for shelters comes from a crime reporter friend of mine. Why not

the murderer's cell at the Old Bailey? He points out that there are a hundred cells in the Old Bailey, pleasantly furnished with stool and chair and mattress, empty, with a strong steel door for protection.

The murderer's cell is slightly more privileged than the rest. It is three times the size, and a man and wife and children could rest there quite comfortably. There are large rooms at the end of the cells fitted with gas and water.

I think for those who are not squeamish it would be an excellent idea to spend the night in the condemned cell and come out alive in the morning. Many have come out to die.

Evans of the Broke might investigate these cells. By some strange feature of the war they are nearly always empty.

★
WHAT is this little game the Post Office is playing? A friend wanted to send a telegram to her husband and she was told it would take a long time, but she could pay sixpence extra to send it priority. She paid, and it arrived in half an hour.

Priority is usually reserved for messages connected with some wartime service. It has now been opened to the public because telegrams were taking hours. It is a slap in the face of the privilege of getting your telegram put on the top of the pile.

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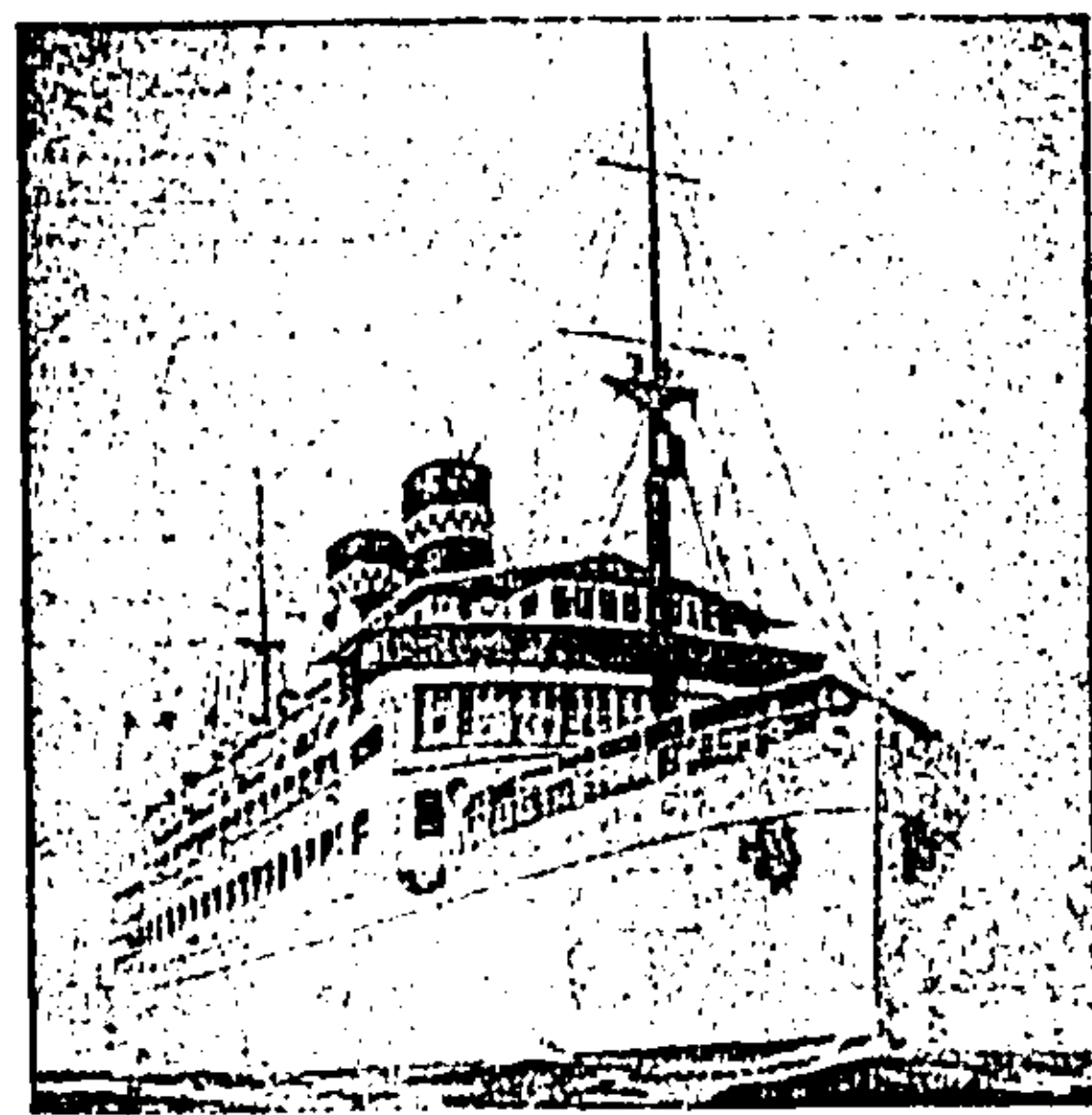
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DEATH

LAURITSEN.—At her residence, 23 Blue Pool Road, at 2.45 a.m. January 8, Letta Elizabeth, wife of Mr. C. Lauritsen, died after a long illness. Funeral service at the Colonial Cemetery Chapel at 5.30 this afternoon. Cremation follows. No flowers by request.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

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THE TWO OPPORTUNISTS

WHAT are Hitler's plans? Has he a plan? It has often been conceded that Mussolini is an opportunist but the world's conception of Hitler has usually been that of a man of deep laid schemes. As Mussolini gained power in Italy he visualised himself as head of a vast Colonial Empire, including the Mediterranean, Egypt and Africa, but he does not appear to have formulated any particular clear cut vision as to the line of action he should adopt to achieve his purpose. Mussolini has been described as timidly sheltering in the shadow of Germany. It is possible that he thought by joining forces with Germany whose strength he admired, he hoped to achieve his own territorial ambitions.

Hitler has seldom been regarded as an opportunist. His attainments have rather been the subject of some respect and even to-day when he has ignominiously failed to attain the promised downfall of Britain, he is still spoken of—foolishly—by some as a modern Napoleon. Hitler is, however, as great an opportunist as Mussolini, the difference between the two lying in the fact that Hitler has control of a more military-minded and better organised people behind him. He started his blood bespattered career as Mussolini did, with the same idea of territorial conquest—their only conception of grandeur. The appetite grows with eating, and Hitler in his earlier days was probably a much more modest individual than he is to-day.

As Hitler sat in the railway carriage at Compiègne—carefully arranged as to theatrical details—to witness the tragic surrender of France, he plainly saw himself as a grand Napoleon, but he is incapable of visualising all the implications of such a position. His task as ruler, as well as conqueror has proved too hard for him. He can despoil, but not build. His weakness in this respect will contribute to his downfall. He trusts in military strength alone, and where this is inconvenient for use, he tries the power of his rhetoric.

Further than this he has no particular plan, conquest and more conquest, destruction and more destruction, but these by their very nature, must finally cease. Hitler's growing indecision to-day as to what to do next shows the pass to which he has come. These indecisive movements must be extremely painful and horrible to his immediate advisers whose fates lie with his.

Hans von Loewe and Elsa, his wife, prayed for victory because it meant they would have food and the baby butter and milk. But the months dragged on, and the prospect of beating England was as far off as ever. Still, they lived in hope, enduring misery and danger... then Hans was told the news!

THE young man slowly descended the steps which led straight down onto the street from the tall, rather dingy looking building which was, and had been his home for two years. It seemed to have grown even more sordid looking these last twelve months, and as the man turned his face eastward a ray of light from the watery early morning sun threw into relief his heavy features. He had been a rather hand-

some youth and still retained strong lines of character, but his face had lost its freshness and from each corner of his mouth curved grooves swept up to meet his nose. The eyes which had been clear and brown, were now muddy and sunken, and his skin had a pasty greyish tinge which comes from under-nourishment.

Not only in his features could these symptoms of decay be seen. His clothes were badly cut and the grey cloth showed shiny patches at the elbows, the knees were baggy and the bottoms frayed with rubbing against his shoes. Bits of cloth stood out like a fringe from the edge of his trousers' pocket in which one hand was fiercely thrust. In the other hand he swung a furled umbrella, one with a crooked handle, that had only twelve months before been the subject of many a jest—Neville Chamberlain, his friends had called him.

He glanced anxiously up at the sky and wondered whether it would rain. He did not want to open his umbrella in that street because he knew the holes would be visible to his neighbors. Yes he still had pride. It was not so long since he had been a student at Cambridge and soft memories of those halcyon days would often surge through his mind and bring fierce conflict into his heart. He had come back from University when his father had died and as is so often the case, found an estate nearly insolvent. He had paid off all the debts and with the little that was left had taken a job teaching English in a small Berlin School.

HE turned the corner into the wide main street and his eyes lit up for a moment with pleasure as he recalled his wedding day. It had been a small affair, true enough, but what happiness. How he and Elsa had thrilled to see their names in the paper—a small but select wedding took place at St Nicholas Church this afternoon when HANS VON LOEWE and ELSA KELLER were joined in holy matrimony—what fun they had had!

But all the time had been that undercurrent of unrest; they had felt they were on the edge of a volcano. Munich had not

One moment he announces that he is about to invade Britain—the next, he appears to be moving towards the Balkans, another time towards Spain, next to occupy Italy itself. He may finally make simultaneous moves in various directions, but Hitler hesitates to take the momentous step now facing him. He who hesitates is not the one who wins. It would seem that the Hitler bubble is being pricked. The R.A.F. and Greece's undaunted spirit administered the first real blows followed by the British victories in Africa. President Roosevelt administered another when he declared for all aid to Britain and the determination of the people at home has raised a bulwark against which Hitler can only beat in vain.

really convinced them there wouldn't be war and Hans, with his knowledge of England, was sure she would keep her word over Poland. Elsa had scoffed at him, but he had been right. He looked about him: the broad avenue was almost deserted, here and there a hurrying figure seemed to attract attention by its very furtiveness. A steel-helmeted soldier stood uneasily on the pavement and a heavy lorry filled with gesticulating SS men racketed past, leaving a discordant echo.

HANS had naturally been called up, but rather to his surprise he had been rejected due to a weak neck muscle which, the doctor had said, prevented him from carrying the necessary pack. His particulars had been taken, however, and two days later he had received a curt demand to present himself at the Broadcasting Studio. There he had been informed that he had been appointed

as English announcer. Rather elated at this good fortune, he had rushed home and conveyed the good news to Elsa, for he knew how worried she had been knowing his job as English teacher at the School was sure to end.

And until April they had gone on, but there had been nothing to stir their blood in the way of victories. They had had to cut down their expenses, cut down on food, and the weight of the war was beginning to depress. Elsa had been with child then and her once robust health was beginning to suffer. Then had come the advance, the crushing of France and there had been gaiety in Berlin; food was promised, victory was assured and Hans' voice rang out jubilantly over the air, taunting the British. But it had a false gaiety. Elsa had realised this when his son was born. Elsa had been terribly weak, there was still not enough food for her, clothes were shoddy and he had had to come home and stand in the queues fretting impatiently.

Then had come the capitulation of France and the prospect of at last invading England. But Hans had known that among the people it was not the prospect of a triumphant victory that was heartening them, it was the thought that before long this starving and scraping would cease. He and Elsa would have steak and beef and mutton every day and the child could have butter and milk. How they had prayed for victory, a quick victory. Hitler had promised—he always kept his word to the German people.

But now it was October and they were no nearer beating England. They were as far off as ever. Winter was coming. Hans shuddered, and the wind seemed to cut through his thin clothes and the damp pavements strike cold on his feet. Winter—ugh!

ELSA was working at Siemens now and young Adolf was sent to a creche every day. They had been kept awake last night by the bombs, struggled shivering down the dark, dank alleyway to the shelter, Hans

carrying the cheap blankets and a thermos of synthetic coffee and Elsa burdened with the baby, dragging her weary, factory-sore feet reluctantly one after the other.

There were over twenty in their shelter, a silent huddled group of people in costumes which would have been humorous if anyone had dared to laugh. Their faces all showed signs of poverty and lack of food; tired eyes gazed vacantly round or sent vague messages of comfort to others in their own family groups. A child started to whimper, and everyone shifted in their seats and glared at the poor creature. Its mother, a young girl wearied from a hard day's work in the factory, tried to soothe it and looked desperately round for help or sympathy; but eyes were turned away and those that did rest on the mother had only the dull vacant stare of the beaten cur.

They wanted to talk but dared

not, because what they wanted to say would be sedition. Who could know whether their immediate neighbour would report them and they would be sent to a concentration camp—stolid unfeeling brutes drag them from their homes and bundle them off in a lorry. They knew. They had seen it happen before.

The child stopped crying and fell into an uneasy sleep. The silence was oppressive, broken only by the sharp bursting of anti-aircraft shells and the dull sickening explosion of the bombs. HANS hurried on, how tired he felt, and how hopelessly weary. The same thing would happen again to-night. He knew. The English planes would surely come again and again and again. They couldn't go on—not through the winter. Human flesh and blood couldn't stand it.

Hans entered the studios and said "good morning" to the girl sat at the typewriter. She mumbled something but didn't raise her head and read through his papers. Read them through again. Nothing would stick. Wearily he went on with his daily round. Everyone was so silent nowadays, no joking and laughter. Well, it was war, one couldn't expect to find humour in war.

The morning had passed, lunch eaten without a thought, dully and mechanically he went through the routine of his day. Elsa was working late to-night, it was her turn for night shift, so he was sleeping at the Studio. Little Adolf was in good hands. HE looked at the clock—time to go on the air. Even he didn't believe this stuff he had to read out—

THIS is Berlin calling "Once more British bombers were driven off without dropping a single bomb"

Priestley Radio Gag Attempt

MR J. B. PRIESTLEY admitted to the press recently that there had been a movement early during his series of Sunday night broadcasts to stop them. "It failed," he said, "I am not going to tell you where it originated, but I know. There is no suggestion of my being 'bumped off' and when I said I had stopped of my own accord, and that relations with the B.B.C. were excellent I was speaking the exact truth." "There had been one or two complaints from certain types of listeners about my talks and I suggested to the B.B.C. that when I stopped they should bring some of those people to the microphone to talk on the world they believe in. But the suggestion was not adopted."



Japanese Pressirate At Roosevelt Speech

TOKYO, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—All metropolitan papers bitterly attack President Roosevelt's message to Congress which they call a "virtual declaration of war against the Axis."

The "Nichi Nichi Shimbun," emphasising the part of the message, "the United States should become the arsenal of the democratic countries," states that this is equal to a virtual declaration of war towards those countries who are now fighting England and the Chungking regime.

The paper voices the firm determination of the Japanese Imperial forces to frustrate American plans to ship ammunition to Chungking through the Japanese blockade. The "Nichi Nichi Shimbun" states that this is just another move in the widening gap between the United States and the Axis Powers which has been solely made by a series of challenging American attitudes such as more positive assistance to England by all means short of war, advance loans to Chungking, and common strategy of the British, United States and Australian navies against Japan.

BRITISH HEALTH Child Evacuation Helps

LONDON, Jan. 7 (British Wireless).—A census taken in December showed that five per cent. of the population of the London region occupied public shelters, 19 per cent. domestic and communal shelters, and the rest were living in their own homes, according to Sir Wilson Jameson, the chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health.

In the metropolitan area people using public shelters were eight per cent. and domestic and communal shelters 21 per cent.

There has been no outbreak of epidemic or infectious diseases in the deep crowded shelters.

Sir Wilson added, "I believe that dispersal of the child population to the country has a great deal to do with the low incidence in 1940 of infectious diseases in Britain."

The figures quoted by Sir Wilson for 1940 up to December 14, as compared with the similar period of 1939, showed a decrease in scarlet fever and diphtheria, a slight increase in Pneumonia and a heavy increase in cerebro-spinal fever.

Famous Eire Horses

Army School Closes

DUBLIN, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—Horses which have won fame in several parts of the world for their jumping feats will be sold on Thursday following the decision of the Eire Department of Defence to close the Army School of Equitation.

For many years the Eire Army team has distinguished itself in international jumping competitions in Europe and America. The cessation of international tournaments owing to the war is no doubt largely responsible for the closing of the school.

ADOLF DISLIKED IN AMERICA

New Kind of Warfare

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—The "Philadelphia Enquirer" on January 5 stated: "One great and terrible evil about Adolf Hitler is that he has largely erased the old warrior virtues and has substituted a complete and thorough-going code of faithlessness and ruthlessness in their place."

The "Charlotte Observer" on the same day stated: "All mankind, the world, rich and poor men, women and children of all races and creeds—all these with many things at variance, hold one thing in common—they despise the common thief. The German under Hitler is a common thief. He raids the barn, field, stable and kitchen of the weak. He is not even a robber, for he comes not boldly but with a sneaking false story. He invades by stealth in the night. He comes through the back door by means of his fifth columnists and with the aid of the traitor and the spy."

Teacher Discharged; Alleged Communist

Kenneth May, disowned by his father for being a Communist, recently was discharged from his job as a teaching assistant at the University of California.

The Board of Regents ordered the twenty-four-year-old graduate student's discharge as a faculty member, declaring "his beliefs and faculty position were incompatible." May's status as a student was not affected by the ruling and he indicated he would continue his work for a doctor's degree in philosophy.

GERMANS' COLD COMFORT

Bardia Defence Called "A Lost Cause"

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—"A lost cause" is the phrase used by the "Boersen Zeitung" commenting on the fall of Bardia.

The newspaper is quoted by the official agency which says "General Bergonzoli is a tried soldier from the Spanish war and at Bardia he fought for a lost cause to hold off the British offensive as long as possible and give the Libyan Army time to re-group—a task which they have performed against a vast superiority in men and materials."

"The defenders were only overcome by a massed tank attack. This affords convincing proof that in spite of reverses in the subsidiary theatre of war in North Africa, the fighting spirit of the Italians is the same as ever."

"While the British gain a military victory, the Italians gain a moral victory."

"The only thing that is really important and decisive is the battle for Britain which their troops are losing day by day in and around Britain."

"Moreover the despatch of German air formations to Italy shows that hopes of forcing a decision by attacking Italy with the whole strength of the British Empire are illusory. The Axis is a unit in politics, ideals and, above all, in military matters."

Swedish Comment

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—"Bardia's fall is a particularly heavy blow for Graziani, who has now lost over half the land forces available for the defence of Cirenaica," writes the military correspondent of Stockholm's "Tidningen."

"The British are so superior that the continuation of offensive operations is possible if supplies are ensured by sea—which can be done unless strong Italian and German air units are put into the struggle."

"It is hardly likely, however, that a strong German air force could be based in Africa while the distance from Italy makes effective and continuous bombing in Africa doubtful."

BETTER ANTI-TANK GUNS

BRITAIN is concentrating on the production of a more powerful anti-tank gun than any we have at present.

This is part of a programme of intensive training by the Royal Artillery.

The programme was embarked upon at the start of the war in face of an expansion to which the Germans had devoted seven leisurely years.

An elaborate system of instruction combined the infiltration of peace time officers into the expanded army and supervision by visiting instructors of gunnery.

It was working wonders when the withdrawal of the B.E.F. from France—with its consequent losses of men and material—necessitated what was almost a fresh start.

Now, however, the Royal Regiment, after work which has put a great strain on all concerned, is satisfied that it has repaired the past, and that the gunnery branch of our defence—including A.A. units—is efficient.

Lessons learned by the B.E.F. form part of new recommendations by War Office committees.

Special insistence is placed on mobility and simplicity of organisation.

High explosive shell is now used to the exclusion of shrapnel, whose advocates have been finally vanquished after a battle of theories lasting from the South African war.

The Germans, incidentally, neglected shrapnel during the Great War.

Defence Of India

NEW DELHI, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—It is announced that the Viceroy is allotting 34 lakhs of rupees, comprising items definitely allocated by War Fund donors for the defence of India and unallocated items, to the purchase of three trawlers, to be named Hyderabad, Baroda and Travancore, and a number of armoured "carriers" which are being manufactured in India.

The trawlers will be fitted for mine-sweeping and anti-submarine work.

POLE WINS D.F.M.

The first British award to a Pole for service in the present war was announced recently. Fit-Sgt. Jozef Frantisek, of the Polish squadron, R.A.F., receives the D.F.M. for destroying five enemy aircraft in a week and displaying conspicuous gallantry in attacking superior numbers of German planes.

U.S. AID TO LIMIT OF ABILITY

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—An indication of the United States' attitude to France was given by Rear Admiral Leahy, the new American Ambassador, in his first statement issued in Vichy to-day.

He said, "It will be made clear to the French Government that the United States is interested in the world situation, including the Far East, nor can any doubt remain in French minds that the United States is aiding Britain to the limit of her ability."

Board For U.S. Arms

Big Four Begin

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—A supreme directorate for the United States defence programme to speed up arms production was established by President Roosevelt to-day.

The directorate comprises Mr William Knudsen, Director-General; Mr Sidney Hillman, the Labour leader, associate Director-General; Mr Henry L. Stimson, Secretary for War; and Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary for the Navy.

President Roosevelt announced that the directorate had been given full authority to formulate and execute policies for armament production.

"All That We Have" By an executive order, President Roosevelt released to reporters a statement signed by all four members of the directorate in which they said that the task confronting them was "not only of critical importance but also one of surpassing urgency."

They promised "all that we have" to fulfil President Roosevelt's order to create an "arsenal of democracy" in the United States, and called for co-operation from every person in the country to make the arsenal adequate for the defence of democracy and freedom.

VOLUNTEER ANNUAL

Proceeds of Sale To Bomber Fund

The seventh annual Year-Book of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps has come off the press, and is possibly more readable than ever—the illustrations are certainly more highly spiced. The editor, for the sixth year in succession, is Capt. C. de Saille Robertson, M.A., who has done the job well.

Each unit has its special mention, brightly written as occasion demands, with a number of photographs and sketches appropriate to the text. There is a considerable amount of humour, some topical allusions, and some verse. All is readable, and apart from the Year Book forming a souvenir, it is also good reading matter.

This year, there is an added incentive towards its purchase. The entire proceeds will be handed to the Bomber Fund inaugurated by South China Morning Post, Ltd. A nominal charge of 25 cents has been made, but purchasers are invited to give more as they may wish.

The Year Book is obtainable at the Officers' Mess, the Sergeants' Mess and Canteen and of all Company Commanders, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. Those wishing to send the Book abroad, must do so through the Publishers, Messrs Millington, Ltd.

THAI RAIDS ON INDO-CHINA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" HANOI, Jan. 7 (UP).—It is officially stated that last Monday six Thai planes penetrated 28 miles into Laos territory and released 12 bombs on a plantation. Six others dropped 22 bombs on Pakhong near Pakse and machine-gunned the guard house.

On Tuesday, 12 Thai planes dropped nine bombs on Srungkring, north Cambodia, seriously wounding a French military doctor.

On Sunday at Pailin, west Cambodia, the French captured a Thai petty officer, and the same day a French captain was killed.

ITALY'S BUDGET

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" ROME, Jan. 7 (UP).—The Council of Ministers, presided over by Mussolini, met for six hours to-day, when they drafted the appropriations for the 1941-42 fiscal year amounting to 2,000,000,700,750 lire.

The Council also approved the budget for 1939-40 which showed a deficit of 28,038,383,034, most of which was due to war expenditure.

Torpedoed, Sail Twelve Days In An Open Boat

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—When his ship was torpedoed by a German submarine, Captain George Hammett ordered his crew to abandon the sinking vessel.

After 12 days on the high seas, they sighted land and beached their boat. The next day they put to sea again and reached port after a voyage of 850 miles.

Of 28 men, ten survived, thanks to the courage and endurance of Captain Hammett and Second Officer Leslie Barnes.

Captain Hammett has been appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire and Second Officer Barnes is awarded the George Medal.

French Irk The Nazis

Cabinet Reconstruction

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—The Nazis are showing intense irritation against Vichy and have taken steps to indicate their desire for a reconstruction of Marshal Petain's Government to include the German candidate.

The proposal for a triumvirate to consist of Admiral Darlan, General Huntziger and M. Flandin, news of which leaked out some days ago, did not meet with German approval and inspired a German denial.

Since then the Germans have been complaining over the Paris radio about the delay in coming to a decision at Vichy and to-day they broadcast a statement that the discussion between the statesmen at Vichy will be concluded to-day or to-morrow and that a government reconstruction will follow.

Greenland Occupation

Life Under Ucle Sam

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—American troops are "occupying" Greenland and American Police are posted in the town of Iglootut, according to kryolite miners who have just returned to Copenhagen.

They stated that communications with Denmark, to which Greenland belongs, have been practically broken off and that rationing of food had been in operation since last April though there was no shortage.

Steamers of the Hudson Bay Company were carrying miscellaneous supplies to points in west Greenland. The miners travelled to Copenhagen by way of America, Portugal and Germany.

GERMAN TROOPS IN RUMANIA

Commander Appointed

BELGRADE, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—Field Marshal List, one of Germany's blitzkrieg experts, is to arrive in Rumania shortly with a staff of five generals to take over the command of German troops there, says a Bucharest dispatch to-night.

Field Marshal List commanded the German troops in the Polish campaign.

Baron Manfred von Killinger, the new German Minister to Rumania, is due in Bucharest on Sunday.

A Rumanian commission is considering various questions still pending between Rumania and the Soviet, including the repatriation of Bessarabians from Rumania and Rumanians from Bessarabia.

FALSE CLAIMS BY ROME

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—An official statement issued in Rome after to-day's Italian communiqué says that three of the British warships which bombarded Bardia were sunk.

In addition, says the statement, a liner was sunk and two cruisers, a submarine, destroyers, a gunboat and a monitor were badly damaged.

Unfounded Statements "Reuter" learns in authoritative quarters in London that all these Italian statements are wholly unfounded.

Indo-China Govt. To Move

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" HANOI, Jan. 7 (UP).—The Indo-China Government will move to Saigon some time next week.

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NUISANCE RAIDERS

Few Bombs Dropped

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—German "nuisance" raiders have been over London and parts of the east coast regions at intervals during the day, taking advantage of low-lying snow clouds and the general weather conditions which apparently kept both British and German planes grounded during the night.

A few bombs were dropped here and there, some in the streets, causing some civilian casualties.

Londoners carried on uninterrupted with the day's work despite a series of short alerts.

Towns Strated LONDON, Jan. 7 (UP).—Relays of raiders, mostly fighter-bombers passed over East Anglia to-day strafing a number of towns in their drive on London, where anti-aircraft guns put up fairly constant barrages for about four hours. Bombs crashed in three districts killing and injuring several persons and trapping others.

An Air Ministry of Home Security communiqué says that houses were damaged at several points in the London area, a Midlands town and in a few other places to-day. A small number were killed and others injured.

Mist Over Sea LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—It was bitterly cold in the Channel off Dover to-day with a north-east wind and dense mist over the sea.

German planes in small numbers were reported during the day and some bombs were dropped. Three fell in East Anglia but only one did any damage, and there were no casualties.

German bombers made four attacks on two trawlers off the south-east coast. They were greeted with fierce machine-gun fire and made off when a British fighter came up.

Late Night Report LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—For the second night in succession, there was no enemy activity over Britain up to a late hour to-night.

Danes Want Hand In Government

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—King Christian of Denmark has taken up a firm stand in face of strong pressure to which the Danish Government is being subjected by the occupying German authorities.

The "Dagens Nyheter" declares that King Christian is insisting on popular representation in the Danish Government and is refusing to agree to any reconstruction of the Government which would involve abandonment of this basic principle.

COMPLIMENTS TO WAVELL AND ARMY

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—Orange growers in Palestine have shown their appreciation of the success of the Western Desert campaign by sending 10,000 cases of oranges and grape fruits to the troops.

A warm tribute to General Wavell himself is provided by an Iraqi sheikh, who has given him a ceremonial sword.

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(By "Birdie")

A FEW WEEKS AGO in these columns there appeared an article dealing with the odds against holing-in-one. It was in connection with an "Acers" Tournament organised by the "New York World Telegram" and the figures supplied were 7,267 to 1 against.

From the West Coast—San Francisco—there come figures from another such tournament organised by "The Examiner" and the computed odds are as high as 12,166 to 1 against.

This latter was won by a golfer named John Robson, who had not touched a club in two years. Allowed five shots, his first two were wide, his second two very short, but his last dropped 13 feet short of the five-foot circle with just sufficient momentum to trickle into the hole for one.

It was the eighth such hole-in-one since the inception of the Tournament in 1933. Over the years since, a total of 19,466 golfers had fired 97,330 shots with only 8 successes. These are the odds 12,166 to 1 against!

Through open to all, it was an amateur contest, and everything was free even the balls and the clubs. The length of the hole was 184-yards, and this year's field of 3,047 golfers took six days to complete the tournament. Five of those 3,047 got within the one-foot circle of the pin, and 115 within the six-foot circle.

There doesn't seem to be any doubting the luck of these shots, for the second placed competitor, who was 8 inches from the pin, was a beginner.

Gertrude Lawrence, the English actress, had a snafu at it in 1938, and in her stockings feet came within 5 feet of the pin. She tried

again this year, also without shoes, but was not so successful.

THERE is nothing more valuable to a golfer in a competition than a knowledge of the Rules of Golf. There were two incidents at the Country Club, Sheungshui, last week-end, the first of which was in the semi-final of the women's Championship, and the second in the final of the Junior Championship.

One of the competitors in the Junior final hooked his second shot on the 4th hole behind the seat of the 5th tee. This was a cement seat and was in line with the hole. He played it from where it lay, though he could have picked up and dropped again.

He won the hole, though in coming out from under the seat he hit the ball and rebounded still wide of the green.

The Rule covering this is No. 11 which says:

"If the player's stroke be interfered with by any such obstruction which is immovable and which is within two club's lengths of the ball, the ball may be lifted and dropped or on the putting green placed not more than two club's

Golf

Draw For Country Club

Men's Foursomes

DRAW for the First Round of the Men's Foursomes at the Country Club, Sheungshui, resulted as follows:

First Round—
R. E. Lee and A. W. Ramsey v. C. R. Pereira and H. A. Alves.
B. Basto and H. R. Pinna v. M. A. Simoes and W. G. Williams.
Geo. Lee and A. T. Lee v. C. H. Basto and A. A. Guterres.
F. X. M. Silva and M. F. Pinna v. J. C. E. Marques and B. Alves v. Williamson and C. S. Thom.

Byes—
T. Y. C. Lee and C. H. Suen v. W. C. Hung and E. J. M. Churn.

These matches will be played on Sunday next in the afternoon.

Captain's Cup
Members are reminded that first round matches of the Captain's Cup Competition are to be played this Sunday during the morning.

FAMOUS SPEED BOATS DESTROYED BY FIRE

LONDON, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—It is disclosed that the two motor speed-boats, Miss England II and Miss England III, made famous by the late Sir Henry Segrave and Mr. Kaye Don, were destroyed in a fire following a recent air raid.

Sir Henry Segrave lost his life in Miss England II a few moments after he had set up a new water speed record of 98.78 m.p.h. on Lake Windermere.

Kaye Don wrestled the record of over 111 m.p.h. from Gar Wood, the American, by piloting Miss England III at 117.43 m.p.h. on Loch Lomond in 1932.

lengths from the obstacle, but not nearer the hole, without penalty."

ONE of the women's semi-finalists played the wrong ball—a ball from another foursome. She approached the 3rd green and fell short. There she discovered that she had played the wrong ball, and on advice went back and played her own and landed on the green, not far from the pin!

But there appears to have been something which is not covered by the Rules. Her opponent had played her shot and had dropped several yards short of the green. This competitor then unknowingly smote the wrong ball and finished by some yards further ahead, but also short of the green. The opponent then played her next shot, but in doing so struck the ball in front (the wrong ball) and failed to get on the green.

Rule No. 20 (2) reads:

"If a player play a stroke with the ball of anyone not engaged in the match, and the mistake be discovered and intimated to his opponent before his opponent has played his next stroke, there shall be no penalty; if the mistake is not discovered and so intimated until after the opponent has played his next stroke, the player's side shall lose the hole." (Italics are mine).

In this case the mistake was not discovered until after the opponent had played her second shot which had struck the ball in front.

In accordance with the Rule, therefore, the hole was won by the opponent, for it was not until they had walked up to the ball in front that the mistake was discovered—but it was after the opponent had played her next stroke!

But how could the mistake be known until the ball is reached, and it was the opponent's turn to play, being further from the hole? They played on happily in ignorance, and the opponent won the match.

CONGESTION on the Country Club course is becoming a problem, and to alleviate such at the first tee, starting times are to be introduced—and these will be in force for the first round of the Captain's Cup Competition on Sunday.

A FACT worthy of note was recently brought to my attention. It was in connection with tees. Wooden pegs are generally in use, but one player had possession of a nice metal set and did not discover until it was too late that the metal tops had been damaging the front of his driver.

Quite a number of dents had chipped the wood of the surface requiring complete repair.



Thomson (Club scrum-half) smothering Cpl Sutherland (Army) in the Club-Army Quadrangular Tournament rugby match at Happy Valley last Saturday. Lt Millar and Lt Pinkerton are seen on the right hoping for the ball.—Ming Yuen.

History of South China A.A. Recounted to Referees' Assn.

Address by Mr W. H. Chen

An address on the history of the South China Athletic Association which has grown from 50 members in 1916 to a membership of nearly 10,000 to-day, and its part in the development of the youth of China, was given by Mr Walter Hamming Chen, General Secretary of the Association, at the monthly meeting of the Football Referees' Association at the Hotel Cecil last night.

Mr Chen said that during the Manchu dynasty, people were not permitted to engage in physical culture for fear that they would grow too strong and become a menace to the throne. The establishment of the Chinese Republic brought many changes, one of which was the springing up of a number of sporting and athletic clubs all over the country.

Among the most important were South China in Hongkong and the Chin Woo Athletic Association in Shanghai.

The Far Eastern Olympic Games, held in Shanghai, Manila and Tokyo between 1915 and 1933 served to arouse great interest in sports among the younger Chinese, and the resulting interest in sports had brought about a great physical development in the health of young China.

Dealing with sport taken up by South China, Mr Chen said the most popular was football, and other games played at present were baseball, soft-ball, tennis, basketball, volleyball, badminton, swimming, water-polo and ping-pong.

Referring to past activities, Mr Chen said the Club started Australia with a football team in 1923 and since then had sent teams to many other parts of the world.

Stormy Years

The Association passed through its most stormy year in 1926, when the membership campaign was adversely affected by economic distress. Then certain events resulted in most of the members resigning and for a while the activities were crippled.

In 1932, the Association withdrew from membership of the Football Association owing to differences of opinion, but were later prevailed upon to resume.

The Caroline Hill site was allotted to them by Government in 1927 and a hill on the site was transformed into an imposing pavilion, occupying an area of over 7,000 square feet.

1940/41 Hopes

Mr Chen said that although 1940 was too recent to call for comment, they were still looking forward to winning the football championship this year despite the fact that many of their senior football members had left and joined another organisation.

After reciting the numerous football honours won by the Association and its members, Mr Chen gave brief biographies of some of their football stars. They included Lee Wai-long, whom he described as the world's most travelled footballer; Tam Kwan-hon, Lau Hing-chol, Lam Tak-po, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Kwok-wai, Lau Chung-sang and others.

Routine Business

A supply of Referees' badges, ordered in 1938, had just been received by the Association, and members were advised to send in applications for them.

Other business included a complaint by Sgt Windsor, A.A., that he had arrived to referee two matches on two successive days but the teams had failed to appear. Sgt Windsor was told that the matter was a case for the League Management Committee of the Football Association to deal with.

Another complaint dealt with and discussed by the members was the absence of lineemen at junior matches.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Varsity Response

Sir,—Mr R. Abbit seems to be in a jumble himself by quoting that the University let the Army down (for the second time this season).

It is inconceivable that the Army should have expected to play the University if a fixture was not arranged for such a date. The University eleven were originally down to play I.R.C. on January 4th as a glance at the fixture cards of both clubs will reveal. These matches were cancelled (by mutual agreement) in order to play a vital Inter-faculty tie match, a decision from which was necessary before the next day, for presentation of the Hornell Shield.

On November 16th the University 1st XI was down to play the Army at Sookunpoo but on arriving at the ground we were somewhat startled to see no Army team. Perhaps "Mr" R. Abbit might be able to explain that predicament.

There can be no question about the University fixture card being jumbled as "Mr" R. Abbit stated. I would like to suggest that "Mr" R. Abbit glance at the various fixture cards he has at hand before making comments of such a nature in future.

S. MAHMOOD,
Hon. Secretary,
H.K.U.C.C.

It was generally felt that the game should be played with or without line-men but that the referee concerned should make a report to the Football Association who should take the matter up.

The Chairman, Mr H. Beard, concluded by saying that Mr W. E. Hollands would be the speaker at the next meeting.

SPORTS ADVT.

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Royal Scots Enter Final Of Small Units Rugger Tournament

AT THE EXPENSE of Middlesex, who were beaten by 9 points (three tries) to 3 (a try), Royal Scots entered the final of the Small Units Rugby Tournament yesterday at Sookunpoo.

Credit for the Scots' victory in yesterday's semi-final goes, in a large measure, to the superior strength and combination of the three.

Middlesex, in this department, had a good pair in Moggeridge and Man, but once the ball passed this combination it was handled somewhat weakly and indecisively.

Scots deserved their victory. The score should have been a bigger one only that Marshall, on left wing, failed to focus down after a great run over the line. He strove to get close to the posts but was robbed. All in all he was the most outstanding player of the match.

Bateman and Nealon, scorers of other tries, also did good work while Phillips featured in several spectacular breaks-away.

Middlesex pack were somewhat superior in the scrums and line-outs. Moggeridge was in great form and constantly relieved pressure with excellently judged kicks to touch. Man's tackling and passing left nothing to be desired.

The Game

SCOTS took an early lead when Marshall touched down in the corner following a good run, but Middlesex rallied and in a few minutes had evened matter when Thomson, left wing, went over, also in the corner. Neither try was converted.

In the second half, play was not so even, and Scots were constantly hammering on the Middlesex line. Marshall almost rewarded their efforts when he crossed over, but he lost the ball when striving to touch down closer to the posts.

Two tries were forthcoming, however, when Nealon and Bateman crossed over, but their efforts were not converted.

The teams were:
Scots—Stevenson; O'Brien, Hanson, Bateman, Marshall; Phillips, Gracie; Nealon, McKenzie; Durrill, Dickson, Hunter, Loughlin, Sims, Livingstone.

Middlesex—Holtford; Thomson, Radley, Cordery, Dickens; Man, Moggeridge; Wilson, Bailey, Heather, Klimke, Wooley, Berry, Goddard, Pearce.

ENGINEERS BEAT GUNNERS
Engineers defeated 5th Anti-Aircraft Battery a goal and four tries (17) to two tries (6).

The final of the small units league matches will be played on January 21.

Home Rugby

Army Beat Middlesex 16-11

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—An Army XV beat Middlesex by 16 points to 11 to-day in a friendly game of rugby football.

Scottish Soccer Results

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—The following were the results of football matches, played in Scotland to-day:

LEAGUE	
Dumbarton	2 Falkirk 1
Morton	1 St Mirren 2
Rangers	2 Celtic 3
FRIENDLY	
Queen O'Sth	0 Preston 3

Army Soccer XI For Kotewall Cup

The following have been chosen to represent the Army against the Navy in the Kotewall Cup competition to be played at Caroline Hill on Wednesday, January 22 at 4 p.m.
Bankier (R. Scots); Naynall (R. Scots); and Fraser (R. Scots); Birrell (R. Engineers); Bright (Moxey) and Freshwater (Moxey); Owens (I.A.), Howarth (R. Scots); Fox (R. Engineers); Weir (I.A.S.C.) and Duffield (R.A.O.C.); Reserves—Haydn (R.A.O.C.), Lawton (I.A.), Guy (R.A.), Pearson (Moxey), Pelham (R. Engineers) and Munro (R. Scots).

PAPER HUNT

Members of the Cottage Club are reminded that the next paper hunt will be held on Saturday, January 11 at 4 p.m.

The hunt will start from Fanling village.

Fanling Hounds Meet Cancelled

The meet of the Fanling hounds scheduled for Sheung Shui crossroads at 2.45 p.m. to-day has been cancelled because of unforeseen circumstances.

Craigengower Cricket Teams

The following will represent Craigengower first and second Cricket teams in League matches against Kowloon C.C. and Indian R.C. at home and at Sookunpoo on Saturday.
First XI—E. Zimmerman (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria, E. H. Emmall, H. G. Forman, A. B. Hanson, C. J. Bulmer, A. K. Emmall, E. J. Mitchell, W. Hong Hing, G. Souza, and J. L. Youngs. Reserve—T. H. Edgar.

Second XI—A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Emmall, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, L. Lee, J. Leonard, S. Leonard, T. Lock, J. M. Omar and W. K. Way. Reserve—O. M. Omar and T. Chou.

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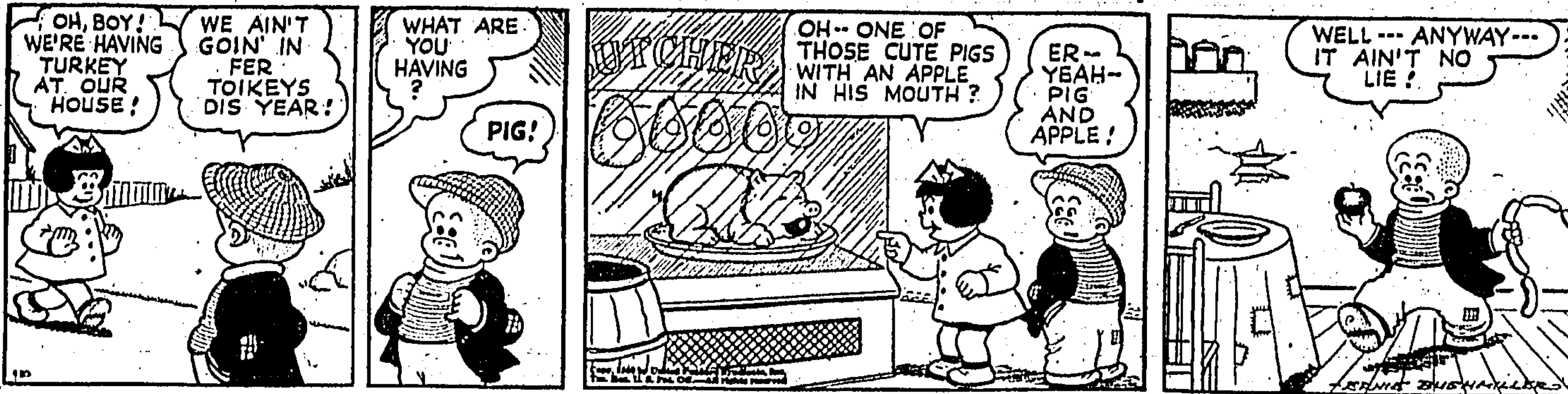
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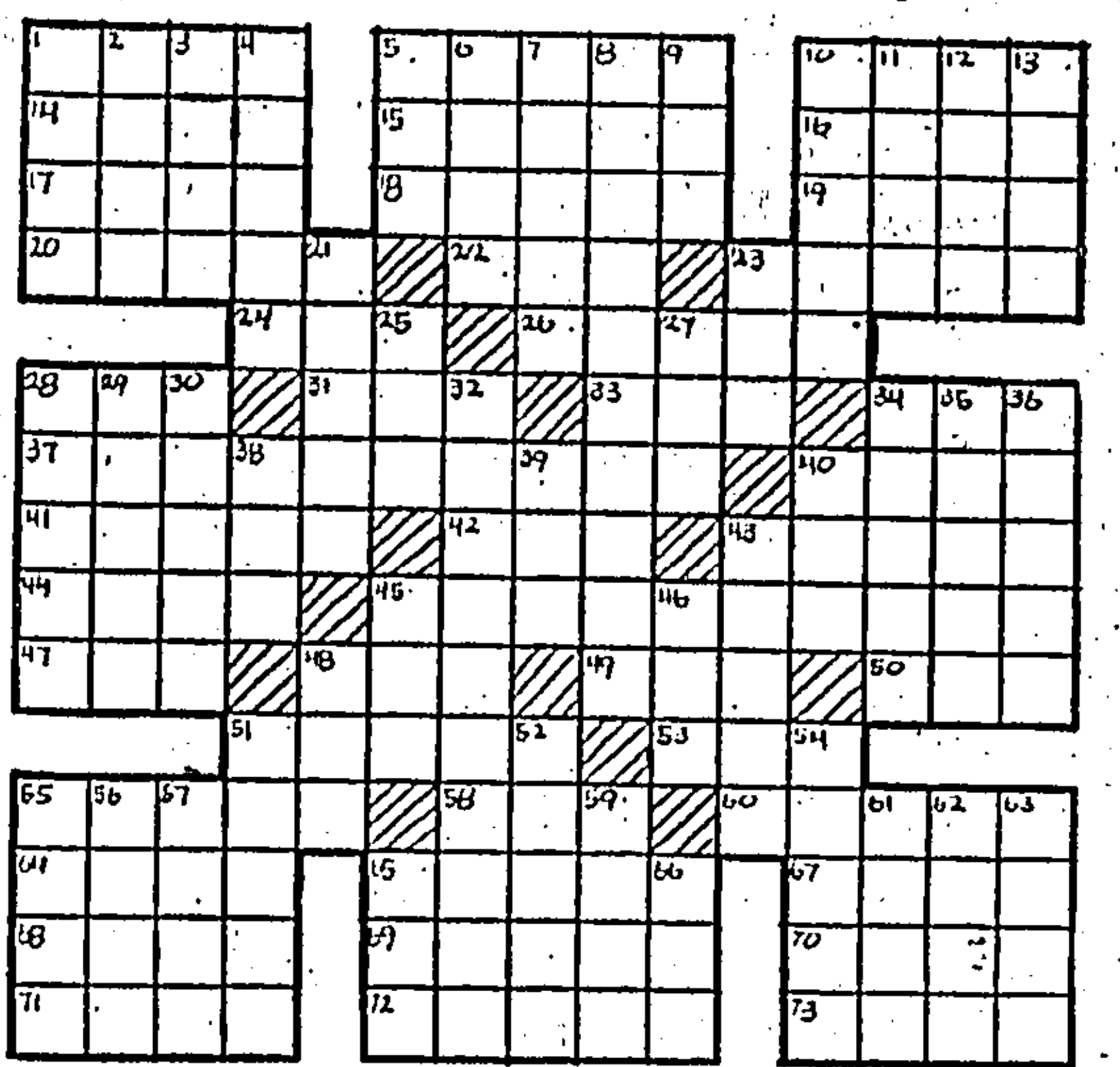


Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS
1-Flat alone
2-Kind of fort
3-Abate
4-Ancient Irish cattle
5-Abate
6-Hounded roof
7-Ireland
8-William
9-Morse god
10-Title of respect
11-Craves
12-Abey
13-Make lace
14-Nimble
15-Grace step
16-Hummi
17-Navy's boat
18-Related
19-Relieve
20-Clap
21-Jurisdiction
22-Japanese ash
23-Medium
24-Idle deer
25-Living on "push"
26-Japanese coin
27-Digit
28-Creative
29-Observe
30-Weak
31-Network
32-Pertaining to Italian
33-Tree juice
34-Invited
35-Clod of love
36-Deer liquid
37-Appellation

DOWN
1-District of Hungary
2-Hebrew title
3-Paraph for publi.
4-Girl's name
5-Ancient
6-Napoleon's maternal
7-Not drink
8-Worship
9-Morning prayer
10-Also
11-Paralytic
12-Dishwater
13-Hiding chair
14-Parade
15-Arabian valleys
16-Put in line
17-Platform
18-Limb
19-Tinian seaport
20-Thal woman
21-Died out
22-Maria descendant
23-Ilai
24-Nervous twitching
25-Got up
26-Receiver for services
27-Polona
28-Vaccines
29-Dry
30-Affection
31-Punish brown
32-Talk wildly
33-Afghan king
34-Watering place
35-Through



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NEW THAI CANAL SCHEME

THE Thai Government is contemplating joining the Phang-nya river, which flows into the sea on the west coast of the Peninsula, and the Tapi river at Surat-Thani, reports the Thai newspaper, "Pranuen Wan."

The Phang-nya river is situated inland of the Papua Strait, which is approximately 239 miles from Penang, while Surat-thani is on the east coast, almost on the Isthmus of Kra.

The distance between the two rivers is said to be about 20 kilometres, and the policy is to make this a combined stream navigable for small craft which will only have to traverse a distance of from 600 to 800 kilometres.

This would be a highly valuable route, as at present ships travelling from the Indian Ocean to the Gulf of Thailand have to go right round the Malay Peninsula via Singapore. This appears to be quite a feasible scheme in place of the Kra Isthmus. A survey is now being carried out.

Other Routes

There is still another project for seagoing vessels to link the Indian Ocean with the Gulf without having to go round the Malay Peninsula. Two routes appear to present themselves.

One is to join the Satul river, which is almost 100 miles from Penang, with the Sal river, which flows into the inland sea at Phatthalung on the east coast of the Peninsula and has its outlet at Songkhla, a few miles further down. The distance is not too great.

The second proposed route is to extend the Thachin river at Trang, which is a few miles from the Satul river, to the inland sea at Phatthalung, with the outlet at Songkhla, also not of a great distance. These two routes have already been surveyed.

Nazis Fear Sabotage By Workers

Reports reaching trade union headquarters in Britain point to increasing difficulties in Germany's transport.

Germany's railway system was overtaken even during the years of war preparations. To-day it cannot cope with demands.

Locomotives and goods wagons are declared to be insufficient in number. Open wagons are being loaded one on over normal limit.

Men are being required to work up to 14 hours a day.

Plant and men are showing the effect.

At the close of the first year of war the German State Railways admit that goods wagons are in service only on 100 days out of 300.

R.A.F. Has Helped

Occupation of other countries has added to the demands on transport of troops and war material and foodstuffs.

British air attacks have helped very substantially to increase the difficulties by the damage done to waterways.

Germany's movement of barges to the North Sea coast for the advertised invasion of Britain swells the trouble.

Hitler is also having extensive trouble in trying to maintain output of war material.

British air raids have done so much damage that much war work is being transferred to occupied Czech territory.

But the newspapers of Prague and Brno carry reports of men condemned to death in some cases and to long terms of imprisonment in others for removing essential parts of machinery in Czech factories, with serious effect on production.

Sabotage Fears

The German rulers' fear of sabotage is based not only on the known hostility of the occupied countries, but also on experience during the last war.

Dr. Friedensburg, a German military expert, writing in a monthly journal last January, said:

One of the reasons why Germany lost the war in 1918 was the systematic sabotage of production by the workers, technicians and engineers in the occupied areas of Belgium and France.

Even apart from deliberate sabotage that may or may not be practised, Hitler faces all the time the fact that he is more and more dependent on hostile people, from whom he can never get any measure of willing co-operation.

Hongkong Man In Command

Auxiliary Military Corps

From plain Mister to Major-General in one day is the experience of a former Hongkong man who is now behind the great clean-up of London's bomb debris.

He is Major-General L. W. Amps, who commands the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps. By a coincidence, the commanding officer's name forms the initials of the Corps.

Hongkong remembers Major-General Amps as a partner of the firm of Logan and Amps, which was responsible for the construction of the new building of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. After the building was completed, Mr Amps (as he then was) retired. He paid a visit to the Colony last year shortly before the A.M.P.C. was formed.

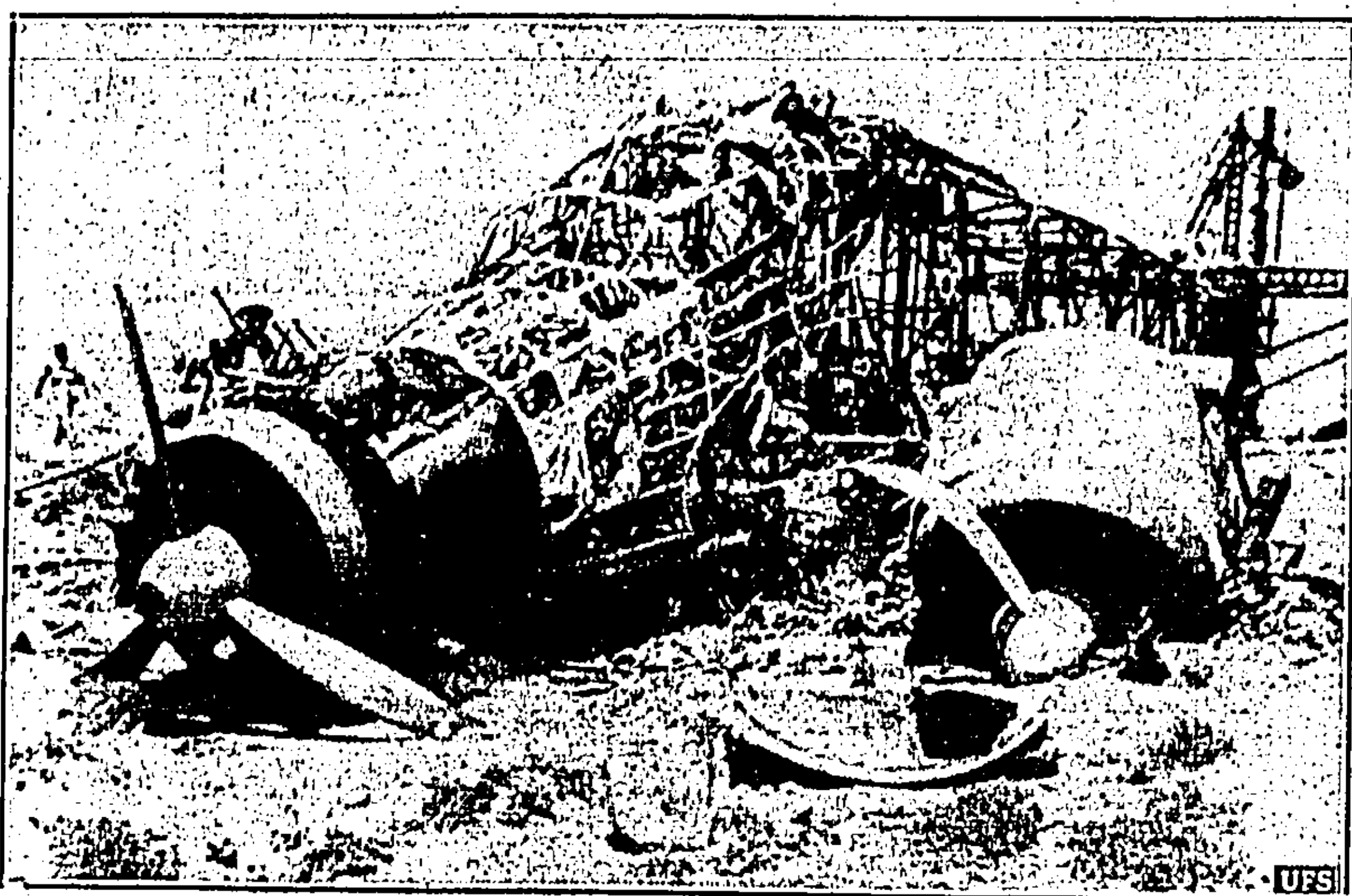
Promoted from just plain Mister to Major-General in one day, Amps has had an amazing career, a close friend of his told a correspondent.

A constructional engineer, he was lieutenant of the R.E.'s in the last war, and lost a foot when wounded on the Somme. He has never let his disability handicap him, though; is wonderfully active, and has travelled and worked all over the globe.

Fought in France

"Soon after he returned to Britain last year he was selected for the post he now holds. Under his leadership the A.M.P.C. not only did invaluable work erecting fortifications and other buildings in France, but also fought gloriously."

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ITALIAN FIGHTER'S END—It's a desert graveyard for this Italian fighter plane shot down by British anti-aircraft gunners, somewhere in North Africa. Plane apparently came down in flames and only skeleton, charred and twisted, remains.

Britain's Role In Future world

A prediction that the future world society will develop in the English-speaking world was made by Dorothy Thompson recently.

Speaking in New York she said: "To-day under a rain of bombs, in debris and wreckage amidst the moans of heroes who are dying a soldier's death in children's dresses and matron's aprons and in the sober garb of business men and the overalls of workers, a new British democracy is being born."

"It is the common people who behave like Shakespeare's kings. As surely as I stand here and talk to you there will rise in the English-speaking world a poet to write of kingly common people when this war is over. Some new Shakespeare will write the drama of Dunkirk."

Nazi Pilot Knew Isle Of Wight

"Will you pull up at 'The Blacksmith's Arms,' at the top of the hill? I could do with a drink," cooly said a crashed German pilot to Harold Blow, a lorry driver, who was taking him into Newport, I.O.W.

The pilot, a lieutenant, 6ft 2 1/2 tall, who had baled out after the petrol tank of his machine had been riddled by bullets from a British fighter plane, was seen near a hedge on the main road between Calbourne and Carisbrooke and was given a lift by Blow after submitting to a search.

"I asked him how he knew where he was, and he replied that he had often been to the island and knew every inch of it," said Blow. "He also said that he knew Southampton well as he used to go there in liners before the war. He spoke broken English. He did not seem worried about his fighting days being over."

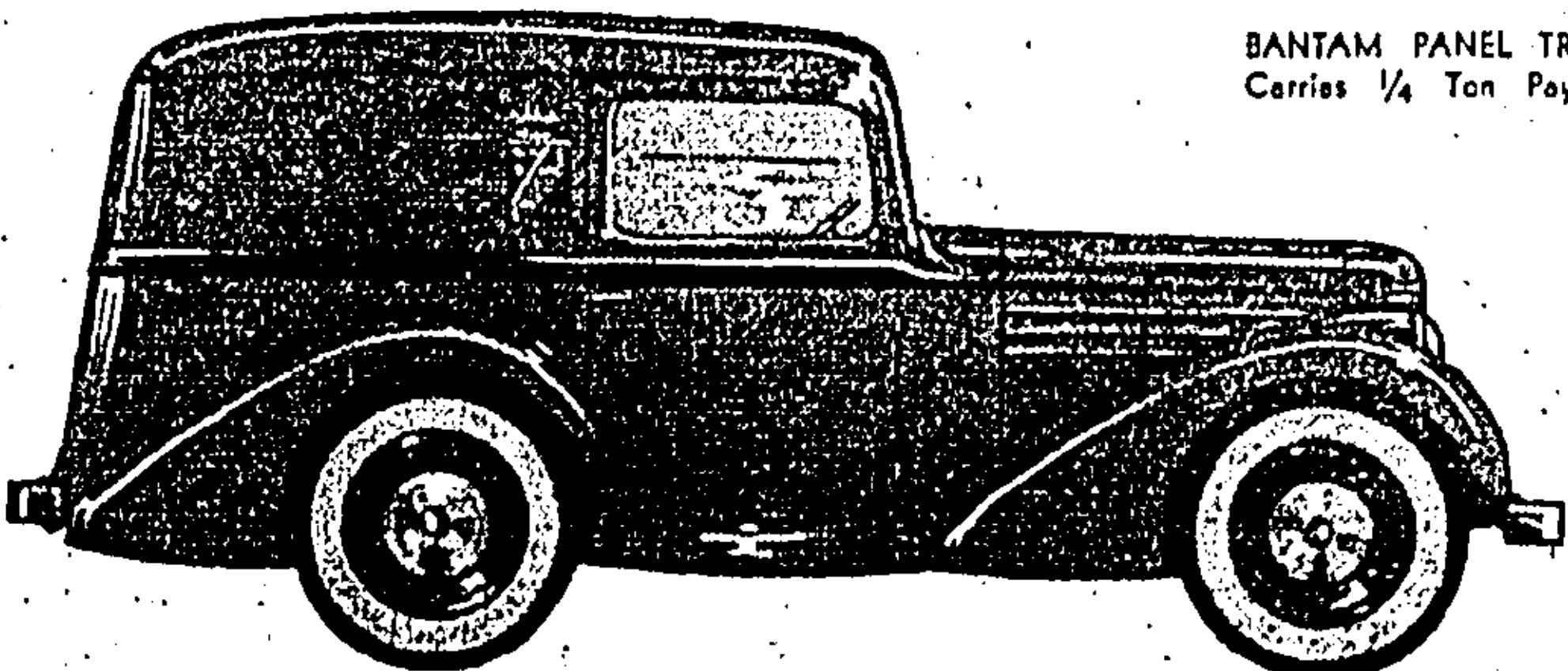
Britain's Health Standard High

Britain has apparently the highest health standard in the world, according to Dr Haven Emerson, former president of the American Association of Public Health.

Dr Emerson has made a study of European health, and said that Britain had two outstanding safeguards for remaining isolated from any European pestilence. The first was the English Channel, and the second was the British quarantine system.

Typhus was the greatest threat to the health in Europe at present, stated Dr Emerson, and it would break out most likely in such countries as Poland, Russia and the Balkans.

Germany was another trouble spot. After the last war the tuberculosis death rate doubled there, and the severe working conditions, added to the lack of expert medical care under the Nazi regime, has brought about the present low standard of health.



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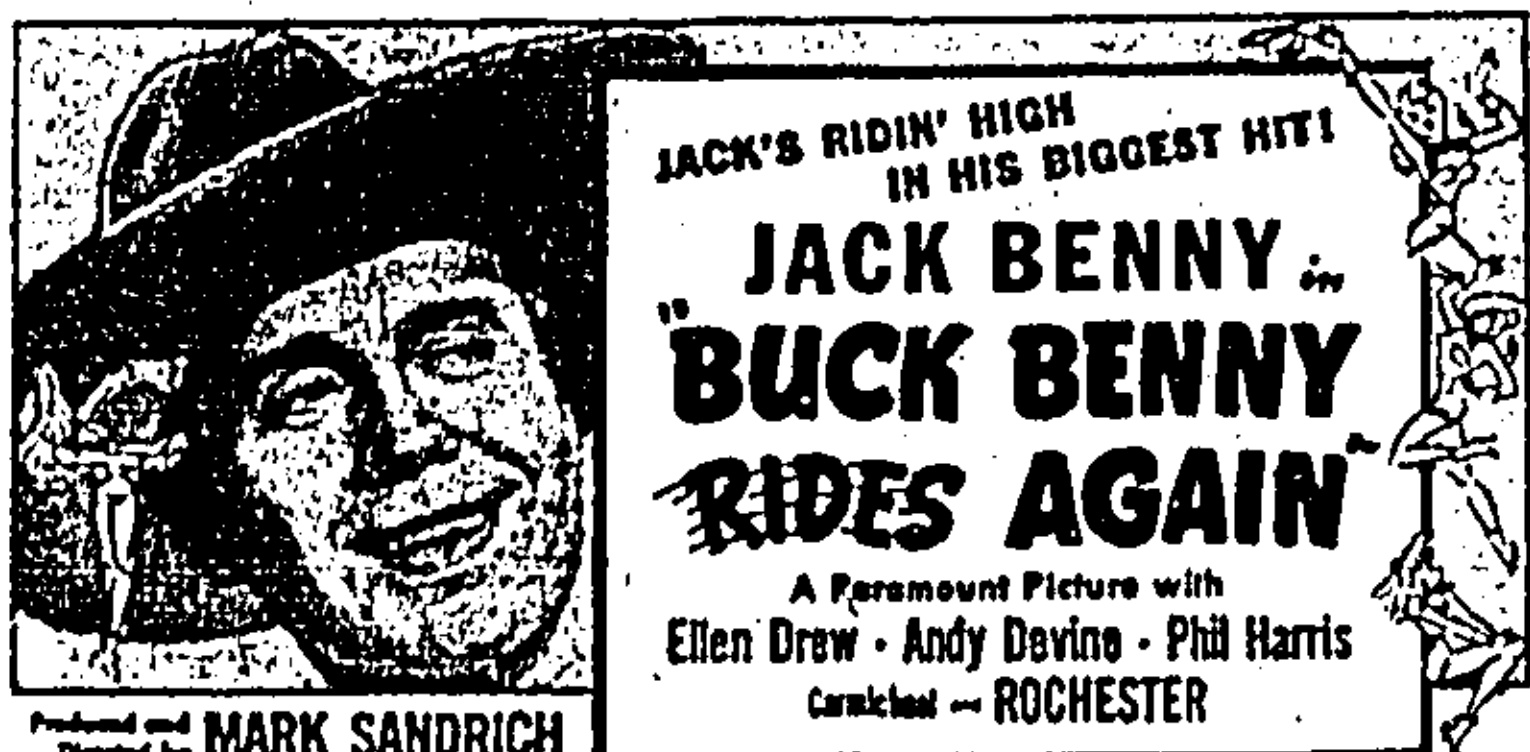
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COVENTRY BOMBED—Exclusive cable picture from London shows the ruins of 14th century St Michael's Cathedral in Coventry, after Hitler's air raiders had bombed the ancient English city. Tower remains standing.

REPORTS AVER NAZI TROOPS

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pendent of the "Stockholm Tidningen." With opposing interests seeking to influence him, he says, it is unlikely that the Bulgarian Prime Minister will leave the country at present.

There had been reports that M. Filoff, who is ill, would leave Bulgaria in order to obtain medical treatment elsewhere.

The correspondent further states that German and Russian interests do not coincide in Bulgaria and that Bulgarians perhaps are relying on Russian support if she resists the German demands.

U.S. Navy to Acquire 4,000 Planes in 1941

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said that 6,122 planes are on order and he admitted that the Navy possesses "very few" completely modern planes. He said that the 445 planes acquired during 1940 were mainly delivered since last autumn and stressed: "I am very impatient about it."

Admiral Towers claimed the latest American Naval planes are second to none and predicted that the United States Naval air strength would far outstrip the Axis Powers this year.

He said that the Naval Air Mission which recently went to Britain had reported that the latest American fighters surpass the British fighters in armaments and power. Naval plane production schedule is 4,000 of which 2,400 are combat planes, "far in excess" of Japanese production.

New Plane For R.A.F.

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—A new type of plane is being added to Britain's air strength and is expected to play a useful part in the war.

A light twin-engine bomber, the new plane is to be known as Butha 1, and is the result of experiments carried out at one of the most important aeroplane factories in the country.

Its performance and armaments are a close secret at present. It is a general reconnaissance and torpedo bomber and is powered by two Persu engines.

STOCK EXCHANGE Foreign Bonds Advance

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Wall Street was quiet.

Camel Corps Turns To Armoured Cars

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—The famous Somaliland Camel Corps has been completely re-organised and re-equipped, says a Nairobi message.

It has joined the East African forces under its old name but with armoured cars instead of camels.

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whelming majority of the House of Representatives, while in the Senate it is believed that the isolationists cannot muster a bigger vote than 30.

Lease and Lend Plan

The belief is freely expressed that once Roosevelt's "Lend and Lease Plan" is approved by Congress, it will place all existing American arms as well as new production under the discretion of the President and his military and naval experts for use in the struggle of the democracies against aggressors.

This would appear to make it possible for destroyers to be released and also planes from the existing American Air Force if it is felt expedient to do so.

It is believed that this is an adequate answer to those who are apprehensive that American help might not materialise early enough to meet the expected Axis offensive in spring.

Planes From U.S.A.

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—Greece is to be given American aeroplanes. Mr Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State declared to-day that one result of President Roosevelt's pledge of more aid for the democracies is that a number of planes now being built for the U.S. Army are being released for Greece.

British Advance On Tobruk

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about 14,000 men and some 10,000 supply and corps troops.

It is assumed that those not taken prisoner are either casualties or men able to escape. A vast quantity of war materials of all kinds has also been taken but it is impossible as yet to give any details.

Italian Fleet Absent

One of the most remarkable features of the shelling of Bardia from the sea was that the Italian navy did not even try to intervene. A London naval spokesman pointed out that the Italian fleet had a great opportunity to attack and if it had done so our fleet would have been obliged to give up the bombardment in order to defend itself, except for a few raiding planes, however, the Italian High Command made no attempt to relieve the pressure on the garrison at Bardia. Italian prisoners themselves have commented on the absence of sea and air assistance. They were disconcerted by the absence of planes while Italian pilots say that plenty of petrol was available but they received no orders to go up.

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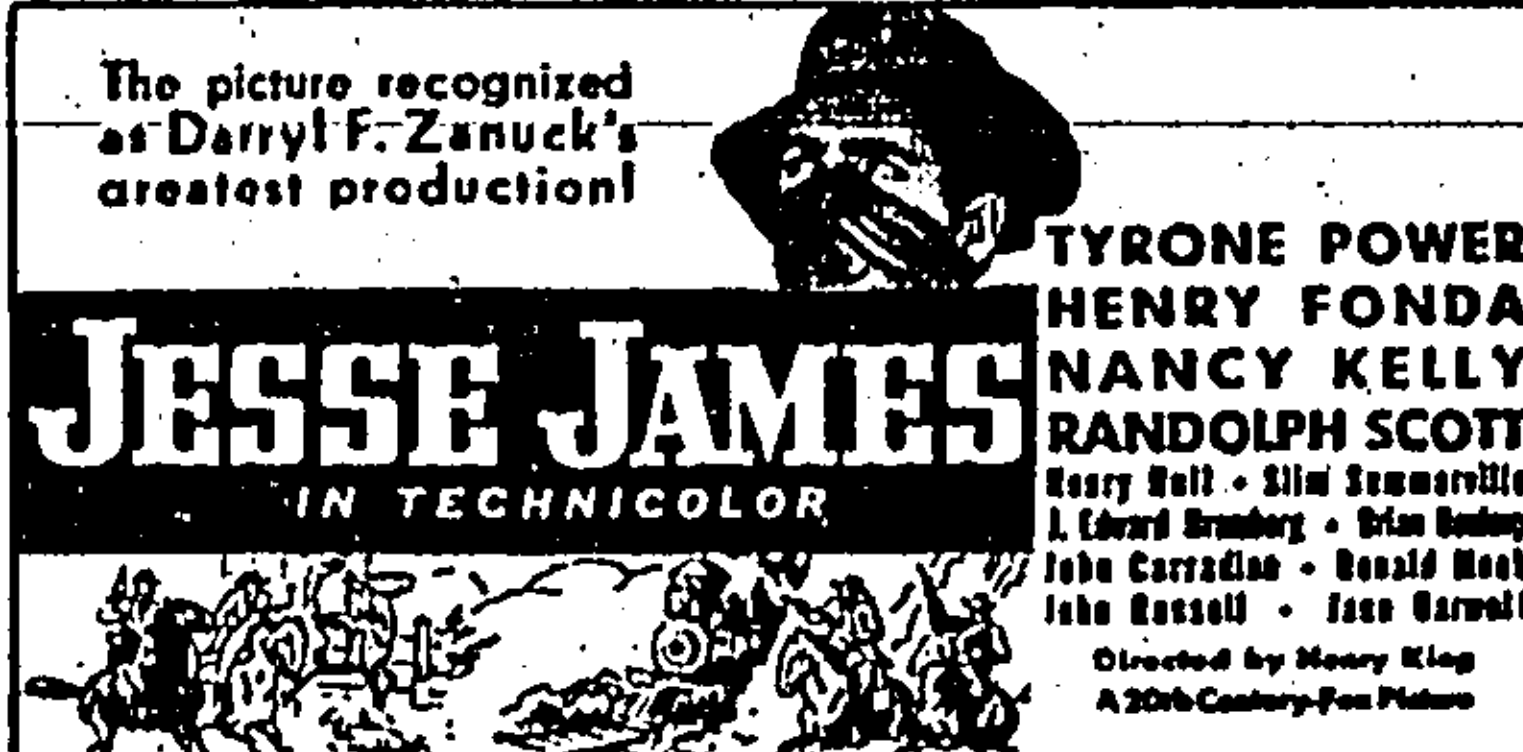
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Armistice Experts Drowned

SEVEN members of the German-French Armistice Commission have been killed in a plane crash in the Mediterranean.

They were returning from North Africa to France.

Three of the experts were French, four German.

Six German N.C.O.s and soldiers also lost their lives.

The announcement was made by Vichy to explain the presence of a party of German soldiers in Marseilles.

It stated that the German authorities asked the French Government to collect over \$100 last night as a result of a concert held in the and render military honours to the Mess by the Corps of Military Police bodies which had been washed up, when several artists from the Corps The plane was a French machine, contributed to the entertainment.

Newspaper Bombed In Shanghai

Shanghai, Jan. 7. For the third time within six months, the Shun Pao, American-owned Chinese language paper, was bombed last evening when three hand-grenades were thrown outside the building in the heart of the International Settlement. Four passers-by were injured. One suspect was arrested.

The bombing followed the attempted outrage on Sunday evening when a Chinese Constable found three hand-grenades in the vicinity of the paper. This terrorist act is believed to be retaliation for the bombing of the Wang Ching-wei paper last week.

The publisher of the Shun Pao is Mr N. F. Allman, an American lawyer and member of the Municipal Council, who is one of seven foreign newspapermen black-listed by the Nanking Government.—Reuter.

The Bomber Fund benefited by a collection of over \$100 last night as a result of a concert held in the and render military honours to the Mess by the Corps of Military Police bodies which had been washed up, when several artists from the Corps The plane was a French machine, contributed to the entertainment.

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REPORTS AVER NAZI TROOPS ARE ALREADY ENTERING BULGARIA

Special to the "Telegraph"

BUCHAREST, Jan. 7 (UP).—UNCONFIRMED REPORTS DECLARE THAT GERMAN TROOPS HAVE ALREADY ENTERED BULGARIA AND ARE HOLDING CERTAIN BULGARIAN MOUNTAIN PASSES. THEY ENTERED THE COUNTRY SOME DAYS AGO.

DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES ARE INCLINED TO GIVE CREDENCE TO THE REPORTS ALTHOUGH MILITARY CIRCLES DISCREDIT THEM.

BRITISH ADVANCE ON TOBRUK

Threaten To Surround Town

By PAUL TAYLOR
"United Press" War Correspondent

CAIRO, Jan. 7 (UP).—British mechanized forces, supported by fleets of R.A.F. bombers and fighters struck hard near Tobruk, 60 miles from Bardia to-day, threatening to surround the town preparatory to an assault.

The R.A.F. reported officially that the Italians have evacuated El Adem, air base for Tobruk which is only 50 miles south of the city, and military quarters believe that British mechanized forces have occupied the aerodrome. (Correspondents of the London morning newspapers said El Adem was occupied.)

SHANGHAI STRIKE

2,000 Tram Conductors Walk Out To-day

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Jan. 8 (UP).—Two thousand International Settlement tram conductors and motormen went on strike at 6 o'clock this morning halting all Settlement tram traffic, although the buses are still operating.

Tram officials deny that any demands have been made. It is reliably stated that the Wang Ching-wei, dominated union is demanding recognition of the union and also one month's pay as a bonus for Chinese New Year.

The union also seeks increased rice allowances and general pay increases.

Vichy Government Reorganisation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
VICHY, Jan. 7 (UP).—German sources and official quarters state their extensive reorganization of the French Government can be expected on Tuesday or Wednesday. A number of Ministerial portfolios are expected to change hands.

LATEST

S'hai Municipal Elections

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Jan. 8 (Domei).—The Japanese intend to make a determined fight in the forthcoming Municipal elections according to the "North China Daily News," which quotes Chinese vernaculars.

The Chinese press is urging all British and American ratepayers to make special efforts to rally other foreigners to their support.

The papers hint that because of the future trade possibilities of Shanghai, many Germans and Italians will support the idea of maintaining the status quo.

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Dies Endeavouring To Save Man's Life

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—A naval commander, who dived into the sea in an attempt to save a man seen in the water after the plane in which the British airwoman Amy Johnson crashed on Sunday, died soon afterwards from exposure.

He was Lieut-Commander W. E. Fletcher, commanding the British trawler Haslemere.

While forming part of the escort of a convoy off the Thames Estuary, the Haslemere saw a parachute descending through the low clouds. An aeroplane then landed on the water near the parachute.

The weather was very bad at the time with a heavy sea running, and the aircraft immediately began to break up. While a boat was being launched from the Haslemere, those on board saw two survivors from the aircraft in the sea. One of these was seen to be a woman, but she

TROOPS AND MATERIALS

BUCHAREST, Jan. 7 (UP).—Military experts say that troops and materials from Germany are assembled in the vicinity of Plus, Turnus-ovarin, Giurgiu, Oltenif and Galatz in sufficiently large quantities to provide the Italians with active military aid if necessary. According to reports from various frontier points however, there is less evidence to-day than there was yesterday that German troops are planning to cross the Danube immediately, and many believe the move may be postponed until spring.

DEVELOPMENTS PREDICTED

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 (Domei).—Neutral reports arriving here from European capitals predict alarming developments soon in southeastern Europe. For instance, reports from Budapest state that Germany will send more than 2,500 planes to Bulgaria in addition to dispatching a large number of German pilots and aviation experts to Rumania.

Despite rumours of a German-Bulgarian understanding, reports from Sofia indicate that Bulgaria expects some sort of aid both from the Soviet Union and Turkey in the event of a crisis.

It is pointed out that Turkey has completed the development of a force consisting of 100,000 men to aid Bulgaria, while an important meeting recently took place between King Boris and M. Alexander Michailovitch, newly-appointed Counsellor of the Soviet Legation at Sofia.

Officials in Berlin have been maintaining ominous silence, but neutral observers note disquieting significance in their reticence pointing out that similar silence prevailed in Germany just before the invasion of Poland, Belgium and the Scandinavian countries.

Strained Relations

BERNE, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—It is understood that Herr von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, and M. Eiloff, the Bulgarian Prime Minister, on Sunday, states the Berlin correspondent of the "Baster Nachrichten."

The refusal of the Wilhelmstrasse to discuss the state of Bulgarian-German relations, however, indicates that the negotiations had a negative result. Relations remain very strained.

Conflicting Interests

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—No fresh German-Bulgarian negotiations or agreements are to be expected according to information in Berlin, states a dispatch to the newspaper "Svenska Dagbladet."

The delicacy of Bulgaria's situation is emphasised by the Berlin correspondent. TURN to Back Page, Column 5

TONS OF BOMBS ON TRIPOLI

Heavy R.A.F. Raid

CAIRO, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—Tripoli, 750 miles west of Bardia, was again raided heavily by R.A.F. bombers on the night of January 6-7.

Several tons of bombs were dropped among the motor vessels in the centre of the harbour, causing a series of explosions and clouds of smoke, states a communique issued from the R.A.F. Headquarters in the Middle East.

One direct hit was registered amidships on a large motor vessel and was followed by explosions. Several small cargo ships were probably hit.

Power Station Damaged

Fires were caused among the customs buildings and wharves. Much damage was caused to the power station.

All British aircraft returned safely. The communique adds that a further raid was carried out on Tobruk by R.A.F. heavy bombers. Wide-spread fires were caused, visible from 30 miles away, among barracks, stores, sheds and motor transport concentrations.

The R.A.F. aircraft returned without loss to their bases.

Valona Bombed

ATHENS, Jan. 7 (UP).—British planes to-day re-bombed warehouses and other buildings in the neighbourhood of the jetties at Valona, starting many fires.

Two Italian planes were apparently damaged. One British plane failed to return.

NELLORE SAFE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MANILA, Jan. 8 (UP).—It is learned that the British steamer Nellore was diverted to pick up the survivors of the German raider who were landed on Emaru island, after which she returned to Brisbane.

She is now enroute to Manila where she is expected to arrive January 16.

AMERICA IS DOING THIS FOR BRITAIN

If Hongkong needed any inspiration for renewed efforts to aid the British war effort, the accompanying picture should provide it. It is a photograph of a poster which is being plastered over every city and town in the United States calling for Americans to give freely to help the British victims of Nazi ruthlessness. The poster qualifies to rank as one of the most compelling and effective appeals yet conceived by any artist in this war.



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GREEK WARSHIPS SHELL VALONA

Latest News From Albania

Special to the "Telegraph"

ATHENS, Jan. 7 (UP).—The Ministry of Marine announced that a flotilla of Greek destroyers last night entered the Valona roadstead and fired 60 shells at various targets. All the ships returned to their bases safely.

BOMBS HIT B.B.C.

Building Damaged, Seven Of Staff Killed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 7 (UP).—It is revealed that the B.B.C. headquarters in upper Regent Street were twice hit and seriously damaged during recent air-raids. Seven members of the staff were killed.

On the first night a heavy bomb exploded just after the raid news had been announced but the bulletin continued.

On the second night the buildings were seriously damaged and some members of the staff were wounded.

Millions of British listeners heard the explosion of the first bomb though they were probably unaware of the nature of the blast.

Valona Evacuation

ATHENS, Jan. 7 (UP).—A Government spokesman said that Greek intelligence officials were informed by private sources that 35,000 wounded and disabled Italians have been evacuated from Valona.

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Messrs Gilman & Co., Ltd., have presented a new ten horsepower Sunbeam-Talbot Sports Car to the value of \$5,950 to the Bomber Fund inaugurated by the "South China Morning Post" and "The Hongkong Telegraph."

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U.S. Navy To Acquire 4,000 Planes In 1941

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (UP).—Rear Admiral John H. Towers was the first witness to be called in the Naval Inquiry which is being conducted into the delays in the American Naval aviation programme.

The Admiral said that the Navy expects to acquire 4,000 additional planes in 1941 and will have 6,300 on hand one year hence. He added, however, that

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1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Compositions of Haydn.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Maurice Winnick and His Orchestra and Piano Duet by Rawicz and Landauer.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Scriabin's Prometheus (The Poem of Fire), Op. 60.

Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra with Piano Solo by Sylvan Levin and Chorus from Curtis Institute of Music.

6.50 Song by Frida Leider (Soprano).

"Leonora's Aria from 'Fidelio' (Beethoven) with Orchestra cond. by John Barbirolli.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 Variety with Hildegarde, The Six Swingers and Teddy Foster and His Kings of Swing.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Musical Comedy Selections.

8.30 Keteibey—"In Holiday Mood" Suite.

On the Promenade—Down the Stream—The Illuminated Fate... The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Clifford Greenwood.

8.42 Richard Tauber (Tenor) and Light Orchestra.

9.00 London Relay—The News and Commentary.

9.30 London Relay—Talk: 'To Talk of Many Things'.

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The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.

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U.K. FOOD SPECULATION

—Law Invoked

LONDON, Jan. 7 (British Wire-les).—An order will shortly be made and is coming into operation on Monday next, making it illegal to sell a large range of unrationed food-stuffs at prices higher than those which prevailed on December 2 last.

The Minister of Food said, "I am convinced that a considerable number of new people are coming into the food trade as dealers, middlemen and as option buyers. They are operating on a market in which they cannot lose, only because reduction of our imports of certain classes of commodities renders those articles a very profitable field for speculation."

"The issue of the order is the first stage in stabilising the prices operating on December 2. The next stage is that during the course of a month from now, we will issue a price order for all these articles which will be drawn up in consultations with the trade and having regard to prices current on December 2."

"I have reason to know that in taking this action I have the support of the legitimate traders, food manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers. The Food traders of this country have done a good job of work since war began, and I do not want to spoil it by the introduction of speculation."

COURT MARTIAL

Alleged Deficiencies In Accounts

Court Martial proceedings against Lieutenant (Acting Capt.) H. L. Reeves, R.E., on 22 charges relating to certain deficiencies in the fuel and oil accounts which were in his charge, were continued this morning at Scandal Point Hall.

The Court comprised Brigadier T. McLeod, R.A. (President), Lieut-Col D. J. McDougall, Lieut-Col S. Shaw, Major T. W. Boyce, and Capt. (Temporary Major) A. R. Colquhoun, Mr. D. H. Blake was Judge Advocate.

2/Lt K. E. Alanson, R.A., acted as Prosecuting Officer, and 2/Lt H. S. Badger, Middlesex Regiment, defended accused.

Lieutenant (Acting Capt.) A. J. Le Scellieur, R.E., Second in Command of the 22nd Fortress Company, said that he had been in charge of the petrol and oil accounts of the Company since October 1 when he "more or less" took over the running of the store. The system of issuing supplies was that the driver signs for quantities received. At the end of the month the total issues are put together on one voucher which is given a receipt number. An issue voucher is then given to that number and taken in charge, and entered in the ledger.

When a receipt voucher comes it has a carbon copy attached and the system for supplying fuel is the same. Complete instructions regarding the working of the accounts are contained in the front page of the ledger, including instructions regarding receipts.

"As I had arranged with Capt. Reeves to meet him that day (October 1) I was going to check the store preparatory to taking over the accounts," said Capt. Le Scellieur, in the course of his evidence. "I had no ledger but had been given figures as to what should be in the store at the end of the quarter. It became obvious to me that the actual remains in the store did not agree with the figures on the paper given to me (produced). The store was contested and I said to Capt. Reeves that it would be a good thing if we clear the surplus before getting down to checking. He agreed and then if there were deficiencies Capt. Reeves would give me a voucher form 108 for them."

Continuing, Capt. Le Scellieur said that the contents of the drums could not be checked but they were told by Capt. Reeves that they were full. There were some drums in a corner which he assumed were full. In consequence of this check he told the storeman that he was going to empty the store as far as possible.

The First Check

The first complete check of the store was made on October 28 and a statement of the actual stock on that date was produced which showed the figures. It was prepared by the storeman, Sapper Kunster. These figures were checked with the actual stock in the presence of Major Murray and Capt. Reeves and certain differences were noticed. Capt. Reeves did not make any comment during that check.

At a later date witness discovered that petrol had been issued from the store for stationery running and a check revealed that no stationery running had been carried out and that the receipt had been made and signed by the driver although no petrol was issued. Two lots of 15 gallons each were involved but witness did not know about this on October 28.

Cross-Examination

Under cross-examination by 2/Lieut. Badger witness said that he assumed he had taken over the accounts after the Court of inquiry had been held, although he had been told to take over at the end of September.

2/Lieut. Badger: Did you take that to mean that you had taken over at the end of the quarter?—Yes.

Did you know that a Court of Inquiry was to be held?—No.

Then why did you not take over at the end of the quarter?—At the end of the quarter I reported to my superior officer certain deficiencies and I was going to clear a certain amount of the stock and then take over.

Witness added in reply to other questions that he did not take over on October 1 because the accounts were unsatisfactory. Also he was unable to carry out a check on October 1 owing to the confusion in the store, drums being stacked high and the store being full.

According to the figures there should have been 1,304½ gallons of petrol. He counted the drums and ascertained there to be full but found a deficit of 114½ gallons besides other deficits in kerosene. He did not know on October 1 that there was another store in Queen's Road but on learning of its existence sent the storeman to see if there were any stores there but received negative reply.

He said that the contents of the drums were checked by means of a dipstick. All the drums except the war reserve stock was unsealed. He knew that petrol containers had been issued from the store and been subsequently found to contain kerosene. There were certain drums marked "motor spirit" which actually contained kerosene. These drums were pointed to him as having been returned by the Royal Scots the previous day. Witness added that kerosene was supplied in drums of a similar kind.

The hearing is proceeding.

Exchange At A Glance

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T.T. London	1/2 1/2
Demand London	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	4/15
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	23 1/2
T.T. Manila	40 1/2
T.T. Batavia	43 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	10 1/2
T.T. Saigon	10 1/2
T.T. France	Nom.
T.T. Switzerland	90 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/0 1/2

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4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	24 1/2
4 m/s France	Nom.
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U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	403 1/2

Overcharging For Rice

Many Dealers In Court

As a result of purchases made by Chinese detectives in various rice shops in the Yau-mat district, masters of rice shops were summoned before Major A. M. Macfarlane at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for selling rice at higher prices than those fixed by the Controller of Food.

Mr. Shui, 58 Shanghai Street, was fined \$75 for selling two cattles of broken rice at 13½ cents per catty whereas the fixed price is 12 cents per catty.

It was pointed out that the poor classes were affected more by the high price of broken rice.

For a similar offence, Lum Tim, 44 Bowring Street, was also fined \$50.

A fine of \$75 was imposed on Ng Jui, 278 Temple Street, for selling two cattles of grade I rice at 20 cents per catty whereas the fixed rate is 15 cents per catty.

For selling two cattles of broken rice at 25 cents which was one cent above the fixed rate, Li Kong-lung, Heung-mun Street, was fined \$50.

Lin Fok-lung, 224 Shanghai Street, was fined \$75 for selling broken rice one cent above the fixed price.

Several Chinese rice-shops were summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning for selling No. 2 grade broken small rice at a price higher than the fixed rate.

Defendants were Sin Hong-kuen (Sul Fun Nin shop), 6 Graham Street; Lam Shing-cheung (Yuen Lung shop), 16 Graham Street; Ho Chi-chai (Hung Man shop), 26 Graham Street; Tsai On (Tung Wo shop), 55 Staunton Street; Cheung Kuo-cho (Man Tin shop), 64 Des Voeux Road Central; Sze Tung-nga (Chung Sai Wing shop), 106 Bonham Strand East; Wong Tak (Tui Wah shop), 122 Jersey Street; Lung Ma-chung (Wing Lung shop), 4 Graham Street; Lam (Cheung Kee shop), 13 Wing Lok Street; Lam Fun (Wah Fung shop), 20 Des Voeux Road Central; Tong Tak (Fuk Cheung Wo shop), 4 Jersey Street; and Fung Kiu (Ming Tai shop), 24 Sai Street.

Mr. Alfred Y. Hon appeared for Sin Hong-kuen, and Mr. F. G. Nigel for Lam Shing-cheung. Both pleaded not guilty to the offence.

Mr. Hon said that his defence was that the grade of rice which his client was alleged to have sold to the Police was entirely different from No. 2 grade small broken rice which he himself had personally purchased at the Government price from another shop.

Mr. Nigel intimated that his defence was similar.

Expert On Rice

Detective Sub-Inspector J. O'Donovan, who presented said he had difficulty in obtaining a Chinese expert on rice, and he would have to obtain the services of a European expert. That expert could not attend Court then, as he could not be located.

Mr. Nigel said that the postponement of his client's case would involve the latter in more costs. It was a case of innocent rice shops willing to co-operate with the authorities being made the victims of prosecution, he said.

Sheldon agreed it was unfortunate that expert could not be heard then, but said that was preferable to have the case heard in full then in part.

All the summonses were adjourned until January 13 at 12 noon.

Money For Bomber Fund

A total of \$1,536,720.99 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the G. C. M. Post, Ltd. with the following donations:

Mr. R. H. Griffin, Music Box (December) \$1.00

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Mr. H. B. 25

Mr. J. H. 25

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Miss D. Cartwright 25

The Bomber Fund benefited by a collection of over \$100 last night as a result of a concert held in the Mess by the Corps of Military Police when several artists from the Corps contributed to the entertainment.

ALLEGED MURDER

Death Of An Amah

A robbery at 60 Argyle Street, first floor, which resulted in the death of a 60-year-old Chinese woman by suffocation through a gag applied by the alleged robbers, led to the appearance of three men facing a murder charge before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The accused, Liu Shek, 22, Tam Wang-kit, 34, and Chan Fel, 35, are charged with murdering an amah, Tsai Kuen.

They are also charged with robbing the occupants of the premises of a cotton-quilt, one cotton bed sheet, two Chinese long coats, 11K \$2.00 and \$10 in Chinese currency.

Another man Lui Wah, 49, is charged with receiving the above mentioned articles.

Outlining the case, Det. Sgt. N. B. Fraser said that the occupants of the flat at 60 Argyle Street, first floor, left deceased in charge of the flat about 11.30 a.m.

Kneeling By Bed

About 1.25 p.m. the same afternoon, deceased's mistress returned, unlocked the door to the flat open. Calling for deceased and not receiving an answer, the mistress went to the servants' quarters and found deceased dead and in a kneeling position near her bed.

The mistress's son returned soon after and informed the Police who, on searching the deceased's cubicle found a small parcel of cotton gags and a chisel. Searching deceased, the Police found \$30 in Chinese currency on her person which showed that the alleged robbers had only searched the premises.

Medical examination revealed that deceased died of suffocation, the gag having pushed her false teeth against her tongue.

Arrested On Roof

On December 2, about 5.30 a.m., acting on information, a party of police officers went to the roof of 228 Shanghai Street and there arrested the four defendants. At the Police station, fourth defendant said he was given pawn tickets for the articles stolen by the other defendants.

It was said that the second defendant was a distant relative of the master of the deceased while the third defendant was a relative of deceased.

The case is proceeding.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks \$.....1,380 sa.

H.K. Banks £.....70 1/2 n.

H.K. Banks (H.K.) £.....82 n.

Chartered Bank £.....27 n.

Mercantile Bank £.....27 n.

Mercantile Bank £.....27 n.

East Asia £.....75 n.

INSURANCES

Cantons \$.....202 1/2 n.

Union \$.....400 b.

China Underwriters \$.....1 n.

H.K. Fire \$.....102 1/2 b.

SHIPPING

Douglas \$.....135 n.

Steamships \$.....100 n.

Indo-China \$.....100 n.

Indo-China \$.....80 n.

Shell (Bearers) \$.....41/3 n.

Waterboats \$.....7 n.

DOCKETS ETC.

Wharves \$.....03 b.

Docks (old) \$.....10 s.

Docks (new) \$.....18 n.

Providents \$.....5.85 n.

S'hai Dockyards \$.....35 1/2 n.

MINING

Kallan \$.....10/3 n.

Raub \$.....04 n.

H.K. Mines \$.....1 1/4 cts. n.

LANDS

Hotels \$.....3 1/2 n.

Lands \$.....34 1/2 n.

Lands 4% Debentures \$.....100 n.

S'hai Lands Sh \$.....12.40 n.

Humphreys \$.....7.05 b.

H.K. Realities \$.....3.85 n.

Chinese Estates \$.....100 n.

UTILITIES

Trans \$.....17.95 s.

Peak Trans (old) \$.....7.40 n.

Peak Trans (new) \$.....34 n.

Star Ferries \$.....61 b.

Y. Ferries \$.....24.10 n.

China Lights c. ris. \$.....6.05 s.

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H.K. Electric (old) \$.....40 1/2 n.

H.K. Electric (new) \$.....30 1/2 n.

Macao Electric (old) \$.....17 1/2 n.

Macao Electric (new) \$.....10 1/2 n.

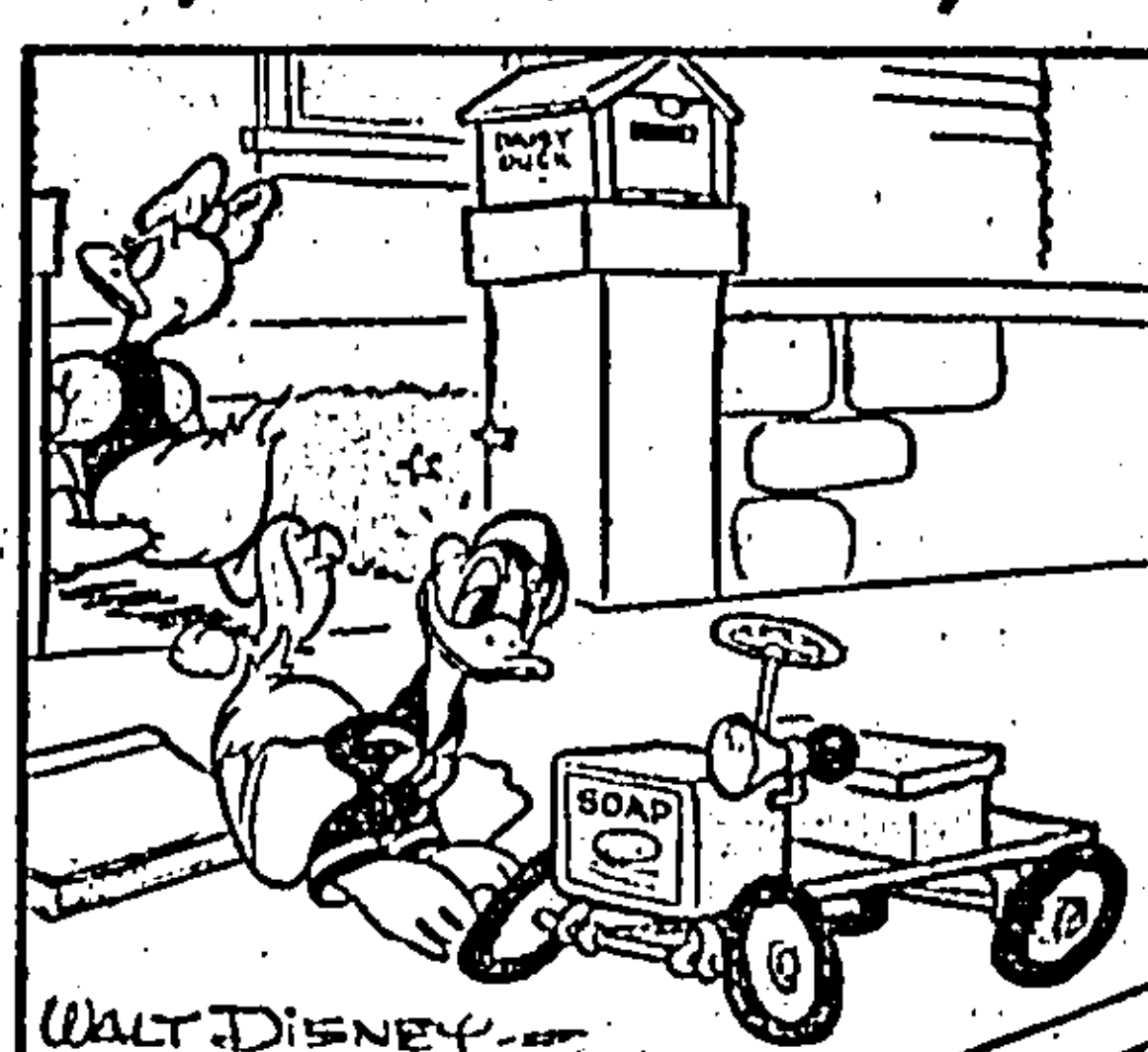
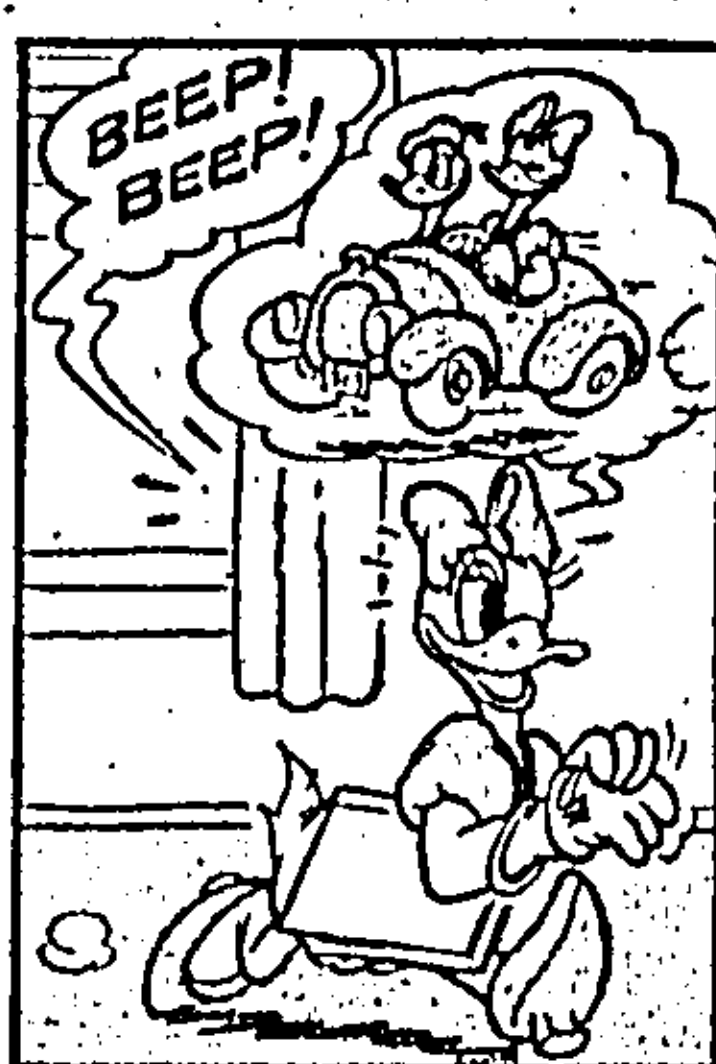
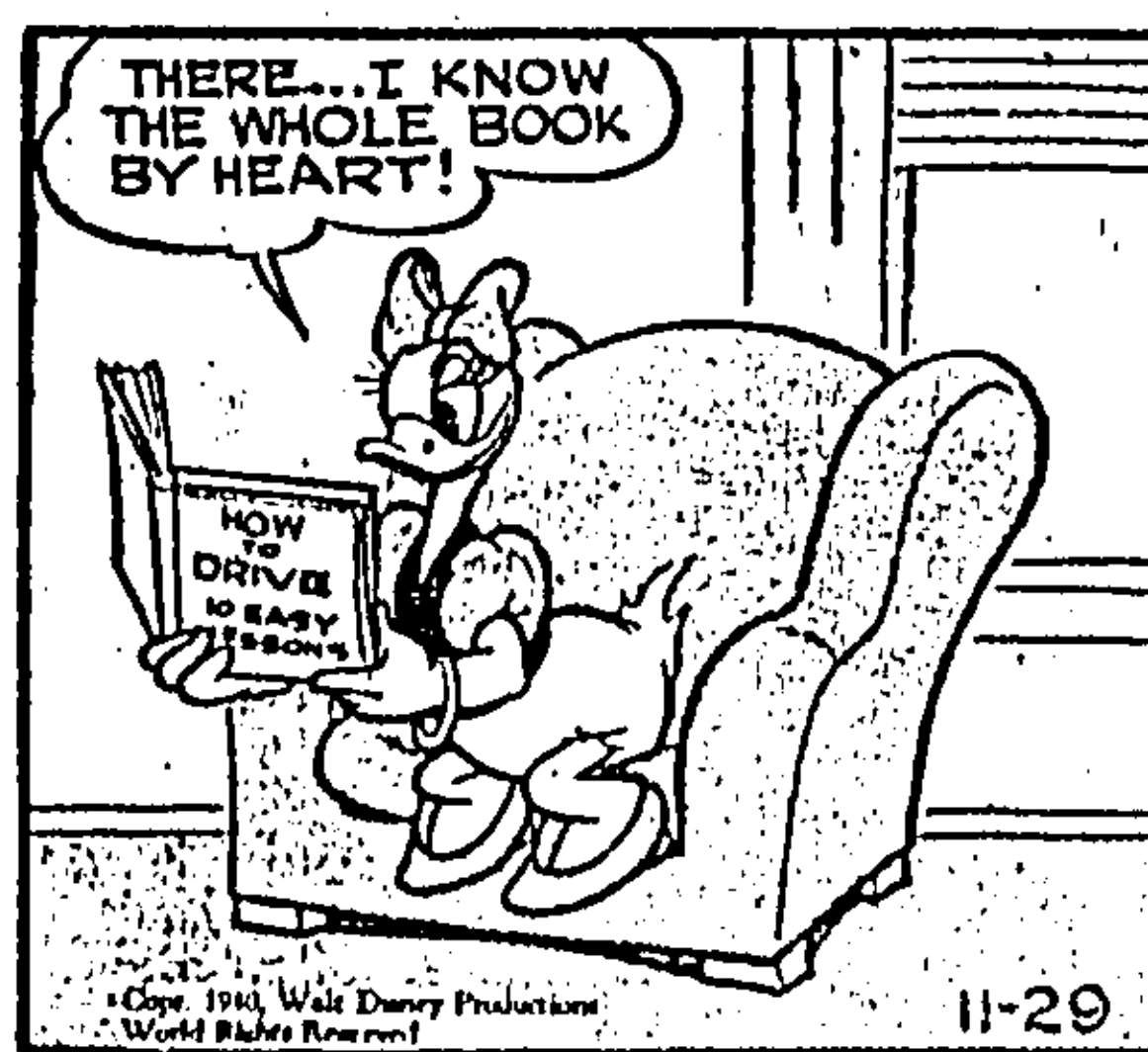
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"EUROPE'S LUNG"
BREATHES DE LUXE AIRMONTE CARLO
MOVES WEST

By Henry Buckley

LISBON.
THE fragrant perfume of honeysuckle fills the night air in the gardens of Estoril Casino. It is not a pretty building as seen from outside. It was designed and built by two Frenchmen, Jourde and Paul Reynes, and the French do not like clean, straight lines.

But inside you forget that the outside is all corners, for the restaurant, with its spacious dance floor, is pleasant and airy, and it has the biggest plate glass windows I ever saw anywhere.

From them you can look out over the moon-lit Bay of Cascaes and see the Atlantic rollers pound the beach and see the twinkling lights of the pilot ship in the background.

"Europe's lung" they call this little corner of the Continent, where life still goes on with some pretence of normality, where you can have all the petrol you want and sugar is not rationed, and whisky cheaper than at home. Lisbon to-day is the crossroads of Europe, and Estoril, just fifteen miles away, houses the elite of the travellers who come and go.

THE party of men in dinner dress sitting over in one corner of the casino restaurant are oil men. They have been having a conference in the Hotel Palacio down near the station for the last few days.

If you knew what they had decided on you might have an inkling of how the war will go, for so much depends on this liquid gold. The grey-haired oil king at the head of the table is rated as one of the six richest men in Britain.



The group of heavily built, solid Swiss citizens at a table nearby, who have obviously dined heartily, have come to Lisbon from Switzerland to shop for their nation. There is no more individual buying, the Swiss Government purchases and distributes the goods—when it can get them.

These are some of the smartest Swiss business brains, and their job is a heavy one. They must find sellers, pay in gold, get permission for the goods to pass the British control—if they are articles not available in Portugal—and then they must use endless ingenuity to transport the merchandise across a Spain whose rolling stock was ruined by the civil war, and then over the disorganised railway system of unoccupied France to the frontier, and into Switzerland by motor truck.

A TALL Frenchman and a short, stocky, rough-looking Dutchman

watch the dancers as if there were no more important thing in the world to do. The Frenchman arrived in Paris from the Baltic fifty years ago, a penniless youth, and to-day he is reputed to be worth well over £5,000,000. He is a refugee; off to New York.

The Dutchman is one of the best-known gold dealers in Europe. He talks in terms of gold bricks—a brick weighs 400ozs. and sells at about £8 an ounce to-day, so I am told. If you were to ask him how much gold you would need to send from Zurich to New York to pay a debt there in Argentine paper pesos, he would gaze up at the ceiling for a few minutes and then he would tell you exactly how many bricks you would need and what transport, insurance, loss of interest during transport, would cost you. Compared with his French colleague he is a man of modest means: he is worth about one million sterling.

NEXT door to the restaurant is the gambling hall where you have the choice of losing your money at roulette, French Bank, or—if you are ready to gamble real money—at baccarat. A lackey bars the way to the baccarat table; you must give your name there and some indication of being a person of substance.

The keen-faced woman with glasses who sits at the far end of the table is familiar figure there—and at most casinos in Europe. The wife of a millionaire Balkan banker, her face changes not at all whether she wins or loses two or three hundred pounds at a sitting.

The roulette tables are more democratic. You can play as little as two escudos fifty-sevenpence. And if you put it in the middle of a square and the number comes up you will get back thirty-five times sevenpence, which makes just £1 0s. 5d. But that rarely happens.

A Central European couple, man and wife, both with paper and pencil, are playing very carefully. They do not look rich, possibly they hope to make some money to help them on their way. He has drawn an elaborate chart. They bet only on the red colour, two shillings at a time, and get back their investment if a red number wins. Instead of a black I hope they win. But people rarely do when they need the money.



The distinguished figure in evening dress accompanied by two charming young Portuguese women is a well-known German writer and one of these clever young people sent hither and thither by Herr von Ribbentrop. And it may be my mistake, but it does look to me as if the tall, intelligent-looking Englishman playing at table number one is really paying far more attention to the movements of the visitor from Ber-

lin than he is to his game. He is going to lose an awful lot of money unless the German goes soon, I am afraid.

At the next table is a star radio speaker of Columbia Broadcasting—you will have heard his quiet, effective voice many a time from various European capitals if you tune into the American broadcasts regularly. He is going back to see ten month-old twins who won't recognise the papa who put them in a boat at Cherbourg five months ago. A well-known movietone news reel operator is sitting with him.

It used to be a common saying that if you sat long enough on the terrace of the Cafe de la Paix on the Place de l'Opera in Paris you would see the whole world go by. That is nearly true to-day of Estoril Casino. Only those were gladder days.

To-day we are watching the collapse of a Europe which will never be the same again, no matter what turn the war takes. It is the atmosphere of a rainy autumn day.

FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



"Oh, General, I'm knitting a sweater for Junior—what size will he be next month?"

 One of the things we are
fighting for is to be able to
SAY WHAT
WE THINK

CAN we have a little sanity on the subject of Mr H. G. Wells? He went to America to speak his mind about this war. His outlook has not coincided with the more conventional idea of propaganda that should be fed to the Americans. Therefore Mr Wells should not have been granted an exit permit.

By this confession in the House of Commons we are to use exit permits as a form of censorship. Yet our censorship is based on information to the enemy and not expression of opinion.

Mr Wells has given away no great military secrets, no details of defence. He has called a few generals fools, and, under the present struggle for freedom of speech, he is entitled to do so. He has been called an agnostic, and similarly we claim to fight for freedom of faith, religious or otherwise.

The accusation that he is alienating American sympathy for our cause is a foolish one. Mr Wells is greatly respected in America, and I am sufficiently confident of American sympathy to believe that it can be left to judge for itself.

In our propaganda to the United States there has been too much of this attitude of "heads for the natives." The American public is an enlightened one, bred on facts. It is not taken in by the fairy picture of heroes that a number of people would wish to give it.

We might do credit to our friends by presenting them all

 A woman looks
at the war—by
HILDE
MARCHANT

grades of opinion and outlook. The Americans are not entirely a race of nitwits.

ANOTHER sweet story about a dear lady who was giving a party and suddenly announced to her friends, "Now look, Mr So-and-So, an American is coming up. Let's not talk about our fears, shall we? It makes such a bad impression."

Nuts! To all whom it may concern—I am frightened, and have sufficient imagination to know the damage a bomb on my house would make. Only a mummy would pretend otherwise. Let's tell the Americans we don't like bombs, but we can at least behave well under them.

TO support my point, let me tell you of a comment from Mr Ralph Ingersoll, the American proprietor of the newspaper P.M. "One thing that pleases me here is that I can go anywhere, see anything, say anything without being challenged. And believe me, you have nothing to hide from the American public. Let us live up to that tribute."

A SUGGESTION for shelters comes from a crime reporter friend of mine. Why not

the murderer's cell at the Old Bailey? He points out that there are a hundred cells in the Old Bailey, pleasantly furnished with stool and chair and mattress, empty, with a strong steel door for protection.

The murderer's cell is slightly more privileged than the rest. It is three times the size, and a man and wife and children could rest there quite comfortably. There are large rooms at the end of the cells fitted with gas and water.

I think for those who are not squeamish it would be an excellent idea to spend the night in the condemned cell and come out alive in the morning. Many have come out to die.

Evans of the Broke might involuntarily take to the cells. By some strange feature of the war they are nearly always empty.

WHAT is this little game the Post Office is playing? A friend wanted to send a telegram to her husband and she was told it would take a long time, but she could pay sixpence extra to send it priority. She paid, and it arrived in half an hour.

Priority is usually reserved for messages connected with some wartime service. It has now been opened to the public because telegrams were taking hours. It is sixpence for the privilege of getting your telegram put on the top of the pile.

Speed should be a normal service of telegrams—not to be paid for at a premium.

THERE are some good signs in London's damage. A pub has this one, "No Gas, No Water, but Good Spirits."



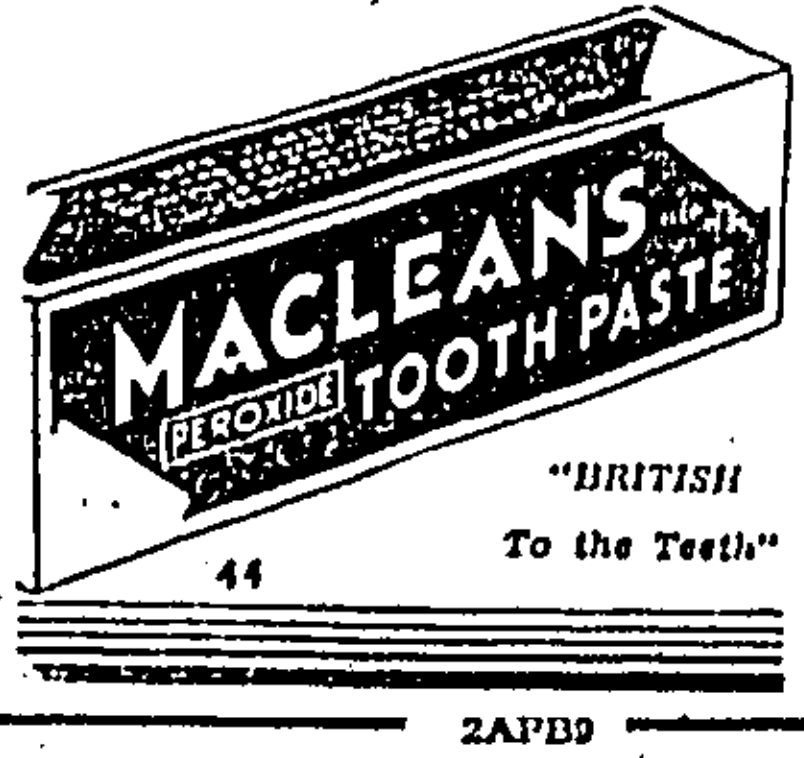
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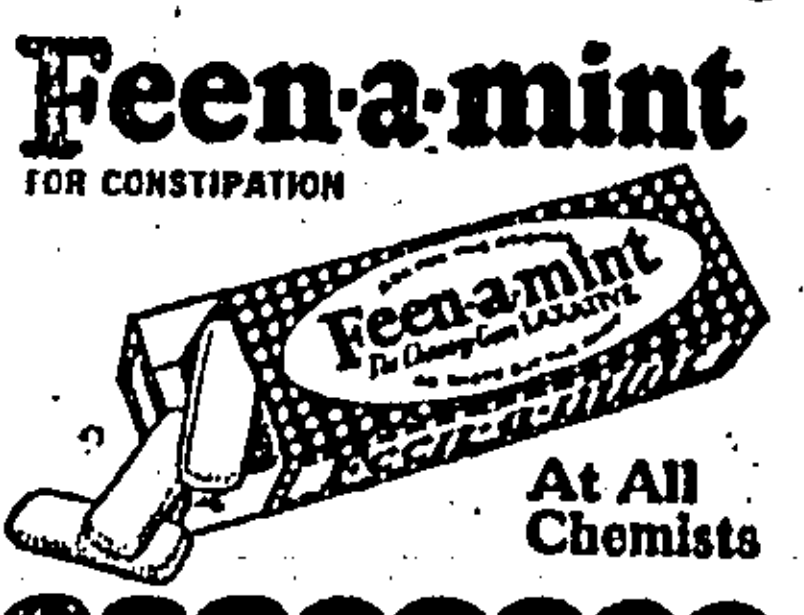
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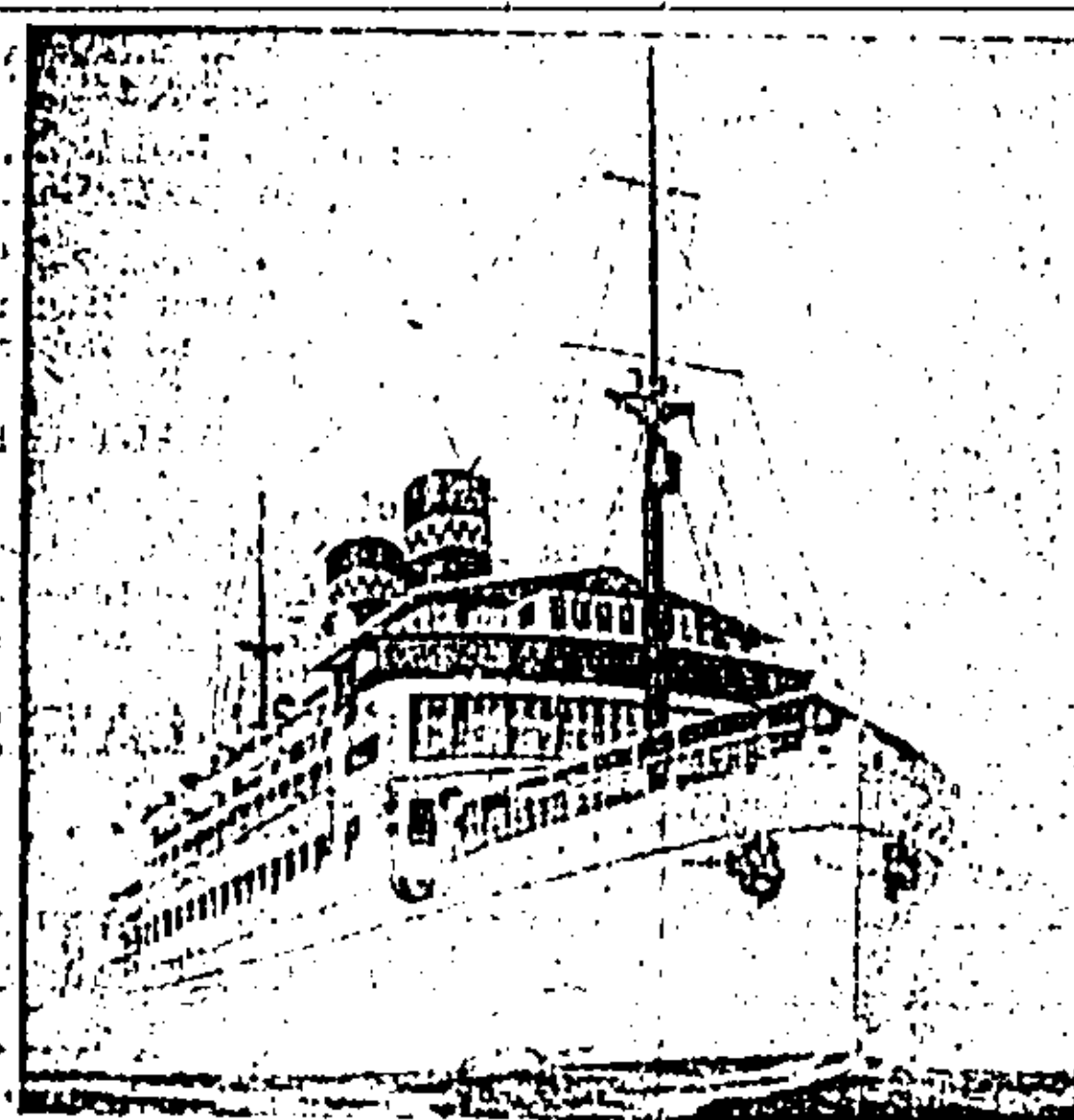
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DEATH

LAURITSEN.—At her residence, 23 Blue Pool Road, at 2.45 a.m. January 8, Leta Elizabeth, wife of Mr C. Lauritsen. Funeral service at the Colonial Cemetery Chapel at 5.30 this afternoon. Cremation follows. No flowers by request.

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THE TWO OPPORTUNISTS

WHAT are Hitler's plans? Has he a plan? It has often been conceded that Mussolini is an opportunist but the world's conception of Hitler has usually been that of a man of deep laid schemes. As Mussolini gained power in Italy he visualised himself as head of a vast Colonial Empire, including the Mediterranean, Egypt and Africa, but he does not appear to have formulated any particular clear cut vision as to the line of action he should adopt to achieve his purpose. Mussolini has been described as 'timidly' sheltering in the shadow of Germany. It is possible that he thought by joining forces with Germany whose strength he admired, he hoped to achieve his own territorial ambitions.

Hitler has seldom been regarded as an opportunist. His attainments have rather been the subject of some respect and even to-day when he has ignominiously failed to attain the promised downfall of Britain, he is still spoken of—foolishly—by some as a modern Napoleon. Hitler is, however, as great an opportunist as Mussolini, the difference between the two lying in the fact that Hitler has control of a more military-minded and better organised people behind him. He started his blood bespattered career as Mussolini did, with the same idea of territorial conquest—their only conception of grandeur. The appetite grows with eating, and Hitler in his earlier days was probably a much more modest individual than he is to-day.

As Hitler sat in the railway carriage at Compeigne—carefully arranged as to theatrical details—to witness the tragic surrender of France, he plainly saw himself as a grander Napoleon, but he is incapable of visualising all the implications of such a position. His task as ruler as well as conqueror has proved too hard for him. He can despoil, but not build. His weakness in this respect will contribute to his downfall. He trusts in military strength alone, and where this is inconvenient for use, he tries the power of his rhetoric. Further than this he has no particular plan, conquest and more conquest, but these, by their very nature, must finally cease. Hitler's growing indecisions to-day as to what to do next show the pass to which he has come. These indecisive movements must be extremely painful and horrible to his immediate advisers whose fates lie with his.

Hans von Loewe and Elsa, his wife, prayed for victory because it meant they would have food and the baby butter and milk. But the months dragged on, and the prospect of beating England was as far off as ever. Still, they lived in hope, enduring misery and danger... then Hans was told the news!

THE young man slowly descended the steps which led straight down on to the street from the tall, rather dingy looking building which was, and had been his home for two years. It seemed to have grown even more sordid looking these last twelve months, and as the man turned his face eastward a ray of light from the watery early morning sun threw into relief his heavy features. He had been a rather hand-

carrying the cheap blankets and a thermos of synthetic coffee and Elsa, burdened with the at least not all of it. If it were true baby, dragging her weary, face why should he feel like this. tory-sore feet reluctantly one He went on mechanically, timing after the other. his intonations instinctively, reading his script yet not knowing what he read.

There were over twenty in their shelter, a silent huddled group of people in costumes which would have been humorous if anyone had dared to laugh. Their faces all showed signs of poverty and lack of food; tired eyes gazed vacantly round or sent vague messages of comfort to others in their own family groups. A child started to whimper, and every one shifted in their seats and glared at the poor creature. Its mother, a young girl wearied from a hard day's work in the factory, tried to soothe it and looked desperately round for help or sympathy; but eyes were turned away and those that did rest on the mother had only the dull vacant stare of the beaten cur.

They wanted to talk but dare

BERLIN CALLING

Some youth and still retained strong lines of character, but his face had lost its freshness and from each corner of his mouth curved grooves swept up to meet his nose. The eyes which had been clear and brown, were now muddy and sunken, and his skin had a pasty greyish tinge which comes from under-nourishment. Not only in his features could these symptoms of decay be seen. His clothes were badly cut and the grey cloth showed shiny patches at the elbows, the knees were baggy and the bottoms frayed with rubbing against his shoes. Bits of cloth stood out like a fringe from the edge of his trousers' pocket in which one hand was fiercely thrust. In the other hand he swung a furled umbrella, one with a crooked handle, that had only twelve months before been the subject of many a jest—Neville Chamberlain, his friends had called him.

He glanced anxiously up at the sky and wondered whether it would rain. He did not want to open his umbrella in that down street because he knew the holes-on-foot, and the weight of the would be visible to his neighbours. Yes he still had pride. Elsa had been with child then it was not so long since he had been a student at Cambridge and soft memories of those halcyon days would often surge through his mind and bring fierce conflict into his heart. He had come back from University when his Father had died and as is so often the case, found an estate nearly insolvent. He had paid off all the debts and with the little that was left had taken a job teaching English in a small Berlin School.

HE turned the corner into the wide main street and his eyes lit up for a moment with pleasure as he recalled his wedding day. It had been a small affair, true enough, but what happiness. How he and Elsa had thrilled to see their names in the paper—a small but select wedding took place at St Nicholas Church this afternoon when HANS VON LOEWE and ELSA KELLER were joined in holy matrimony—what fun they had had!

But all the time had been that undercurrent of unrest; they had felt they were on the edge of a volcano. Munich had not

One moment he announces that he is about to invade Britain—the next, he appears to be moving towards the Balkans, another time towards Spain, next to occupy Italy itself. He may finally make simultaneous moves in various directions, but Hitler hesitates to take the momentous step now facing him. He who hesitates is not the one who wins. It would seem that the Hitler bubble is being pricked. The R.A.F. and Greece's undoubted spirit administered the first real blows followed by the British victories in Africa. President Roosevelt administered another when he declared for all aid to Britain and the determination of the people at home has raised a bulwark against which Hitler can only beat in vain.

HANS had naturally been called up, but rather to his surprise he had been rejected due to a weak neck muscle which the doctor had said, prevented him from carrying the necessary pack. His particulars had been taken, however, and two days later he had received a curt demand to present himself at the Broadcasting Studio. There he had been informed that he had been appointed weary.

As English announcer. Rather elated at this good fortune, he had rushed home and conveyed the good news to Elsa, for he knew how worried she had been knowing his job as English teacher at the School was sure to end.

And until April they had gone on, but there had been nothing to stir their blood in the way of it would rain. They had had to cut down their expenses, cut down street because he knew the holes-on-foot, and the weight of the would be visible to his neighbours. Yes he still had pride. Elsa had been with child then it was not so long since he had been a student at Cambridge and soft memories of those halcyon days would often surge through his mind and bring fierce conflict into his heart. He had come back from University when his Father had died and as is so often the case, found an estate nearly insolvent. He had paid off all the debts and with the little that was left had taken a job teaching English in a small Berlin School.

Then had come the capitulation of France and the prospect of at last invading England. But Hans had known that among the people it was not the prospect of a triumphant victory that was heartening them, it was the thought that before long this starving and scraping would cease. He and Elsa would have steak and beef and mutton every day and the child could have butter and milk. How they had prayed for victory, a quick victory. Hitler had promised—he always kept his word to the German people.

But now it was October and they were no nearer beating England. They were as far off as ever. Winter was coming. Hans shuddered, and the wind seemed to cut through his thin clothes and the damp pavements strike cold on his feet. Winter—ugh!

ELSA was working at Siemens' now and young Adolf was sent to a creche every day. They had been kept awake last night by the bombs, struggled shivering down the dark, dank alleyway to the shelter, Hans

not, because what they wanted to say would be sedition. Who could know whether their immediate neighbour would report them and they would be sent to a concentration camp—stolid unfeeling brutes drag them from their homes and bundle them off in a lorry. They knew. They had seen it happen before.

The child stopped crying and fell into an uneasy sleep. The silence was oppressive, broken only by the sharp bursting of anti-aircraft shells and the sickening explosion of the bombs.

HANS hurried on, how tired he felt, and how hopelessly weary. The same thing would

By J. Cedric Brown

happen again to-night. He knew. The English planes would surely come again and again and again. They couldn't go on—not through the winter. Human flesh and blood couldn't stand it. Hans entered the studios and said "good evening" to the girl sat at the typewriter. She mumbled something but didn't raise her head. Hans went and sat down at his desk and read through his papers. Read them through again. Nothing would stick. Wearily he went on with his daily round. Everyone was so silent nowadays, no joking and laughter, well—it was war, one couldn't expect to find humour in war. The morning had passed, lunch eaten without a thought; duty and mechanically he went through the routine of his day. Elsa was working late to-night, it was her turn for night shift, so he was sleeping at the Studio. Little Adolf was in good hands.

HE looked at the clock—time to go on the air. Even he didn't believe this stuff he had to read out—ed.

"This is Berlin calling. Once more British bombers were driven off by the deadly anti-aircraft fire of our defences. All turned back without dropping a single bomb." On and on he read. He wondered how Elsa was and little Adolf. His thick powerful face softened into a smile of inward pleasure and the typist sat opposite smiled with him.

"HERR von Loewe." "Yes, what is it, boy?" "The Director would like to see you Sir." Hans rose to his feet and his heart beat quickly—was he going to be promoted? Perhaps he was going to get more pay, or perhaps they were dissatisfied with him! He gave an involuntary shudder—all goodfellowish—oh well, here goes! He knew, he knew as soon as he saw the Director's face. The words fell on his dead ears. "You must go to Siemens, von Loewe, there is not much left of the Factory, but you might be able to find your wife's body."

THIS is Berlin calling "Once more British bombers were driven off without dropping a single bomb"

Priestley Radio Gag Attempt

MR J. B. PRIESTLEY admitted to the press recently that there had been a movement early during his series of Sunday-night broadcasts to stop them. "I failed," he said. "I am not going to tell you where it originated, but I know. There is no suggestion of my being 'bumped off,' and when I said I had stopped of my own accord, and that relations with the B.B.C. were excellent I was speaking the exact truth." "There had been one or two complaints from certain types of listeners about my talks and I suggested to the B.B.C. that when I stopped they should bring some of those people to the microphone to talk on the world they believe in. "But the suggestion was not adopted."



Japanese Press Irate At Roosevelt Speech

TOKYO, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—All metropolitan papers bitterly attack President Roosevelt's message to Congress which they call a "virtual declaration of war against the Axis."

The "Nichi Nichi Shimbun," emphasising the part of the message, "the United States should become the arsenal of the democratic countries," states that this is equal to a virtual declaration of war towards those countries who are now fighting England and the Chungking regime.

The paper voices the firm determination of the Japanese Imperial forces to frustrate American plans to ship ammunition to Chungking through the Japanese blockade.

The "Hochi Shimbun" states that this is just another move in the widening gap between the United States and the Axis Powers which has been solely made by a series of challenging American attitudes such as more positive assistance to England by all means short of war, advance loans to Chungking, and common strategy of the British, United States and Australian navies against Japan.

BRITISH HEALTH

Child Evacuation Helps

LONDON, Jan. 7 (British Wireless).—A census taken in December showed that five per cent. of the population of the London region occupied public shelters, 19 per cent. domestic and communal shelters, and the rest were living in their own homes, according to Sir Wilson Jameson, the chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health.

In the metropolitan area people using public shelters were eight per cent. and domestic and communal shelters 21 per cent.

There has been no outbreak of epidemic or infectious diseases in the deep crowded shelters.

Sir Wilson added, "I believe that dispersal of the child population to the country had a great deal to do with the low incidence in 1940 of infectious diseases in Britain."

The figures quoted by Sir Wilson for 1940 up to December 14, as compared with the similar period of 1939, showed a decrease in scarlet fever and diphtheria, a slight increase in pneumonia and a heavy increase in cerebro-spinal fever.

NUISANCE RAIDERS

Few Bombs Dropped

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—German "nuisance" raiders have been over London and parts of the east coast regions at intervals during the day, taking advantage of low-lying snow clouds and the general weather conditions which apparently kept both British and German planes grounded during the night.

A few bombs were dropped here and there, some in the streets, causing some civilian casualties. Londoners carried on uninterrupted with the day's work despite a series of short alerts.

Towns Strafed

LONDON, Jan. 7 (UP).—Relays of raiders, mostly fighter-bombers pushed over East Anglia to-day strafing a number of towns in their drive on London, where anti-aircraft guns put up fairly constant barrages for about four hours. Bombs crashed in three districts killing and injuring several persons and trapping others.

An Air Ministry of Home Security communique says that houses were damaged at several points in the London area, a Midlands town and in a few other places to-day. A small number were killed and others injured.

Mist Over Sea

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—It was bitterly cold in the Channel off Dover to-day with a north-east wind and dense mist over the sea.

German planes in small numbers were reported during the day and some bombs were dropped. Three fell in East Anglia but only one did any damage, and there were no casualties.

German bombers made four attacks on two trawlers off the south-east coast. They were greeted with fierce machine-gun fire and made off when a British fighter came up.

Late Night Report

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—For the second night in succession, there was no enemy activity over Britain up to a late hour to-night.

Quiet This Morning

LONDON, Jan. 8 (UP).—It was still quiet throughout Britain early Wednesday morning and severe weather on the continent is believed to be responsible for the inactivity.

GERMANS' COLD COMFORT

Bardia Defence Called "A Lost Cause"

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—"A lost cause" is the phrase used by the "Boersen Zeitung" commenting on the fall of Bardia.

The newspaper is quoted by the official agency which says "General Bergonzoli is a tried soldier from the Spanish war and at Bardia his troops fought for a lost cause to hold off the British offensive as long as possible and give the Libyan Army time to re-group—a task which they have performed against a vast superiority in men and materials."

"The defenders were only overcome by a massed tank attack after they had run out of ammunition. This affords convincing proof that in spite of reverses in the subsidiary theatre of war in North Africa, the fighting spirit of the Italians is the same as ever."

"While the British gain a military victory, the Italians gain a moral victory."

"The only thing that is really important and decisive is the battle for Britain which their troops are losing day by day in and around Britain."

"Moreover the despatch of German air formations to Italy shows that hopes of forcing a decision by attacking Italy with the whole strength of the British Empire are illusory. The Axis is a unit in politics, ideals and, above all, in military matters."

Swedish Comment

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—"Bardia's fall is a particularly heavy blow for Graziani, who has now lost over half the land forces available for the defence of Cyrenaica," writes the military correspondent of Stockholm's "Dagen."

"The British are so superior that the continuation of offensive operations is possible if supplies are ensured by sea—which can be done unless strong Italian and German air units are put into the struggle."

"It is hardly likely, however, that a strong German air force could be based in Africa while the distance from Italy makes effective and continuous bombing in Africa doubtful."

New Plane For R.A.F.

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—A new type of plane is being added to Britain's air strength and is expected to play a useful part in the war.

A light twin-engine bomber, the new plane is to be known as Botha I, and is the result of experiments carried out at one of the most important aeroplane factories in the country.

Its performance and armaments are a close secret at present. It is a general reconnaissance and torpedo bomber and is powered by two Perseus engines.

ADOLF DISLIKED IN AMERICA

New Kind Of Warfare

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—The "Philadelphia Enquirer" on January 5 stated: "One great and terrible evil about Adolf Hitler is that he has largely erased the old warrior virtues and has substituted a complete and thorough-going code of faithfulness and ruthlessness in their place."

"The 'Chicago Observer' on the same day stated: 'All mankind, the world, rich and poor men, women and children of all races and creeds—all these with many things at variance, hold one thing in common—they despise the common thief. The German under Hitler is a common thief. He raids the barn, field, stable and kitchen of the weak. He is not even a robber, for he comes not boldly but with a sneaking false story. He invades by stealth in the night. He comes through the back door by means of his fifth columnists and with the aid of the traitor and the spy.'"

Danes Want Hand In Government

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—King Christian of Denmark has taken up a firm stand in face of strong pressure to which the Danish Government is being subjected by the occupying German authorities.

The "Dagens Nyheter" declares that King Christian is insisting on popular representation in the Danish Government and is refusing to agree to any reconstruction of the Government which would involve abandonment of this basic principle.

Camel Corps Turns To Armoured Cars

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—The famous Somaliland Camel Corps has been completely re-organised and equipped, says a Nairobi message. It has joined the East African forces under its old name but with armoured cars instead of camels.

U.S. AID TO LIMIT OF ABILITY

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—An indication of the United States' attitude to France was given by Rear Admiral Leahy, the new American Ambassador, in his first statement issued in Vichy to-day.

He said, "It will be made clear to the French Government that the United States is interested in the world situation, including the Far East, nor can any doubt remain in French minds that the United States is aiding Britain to the limit of her ability."

Board For U.S. Arms

Big Four Begin

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—A supreme directorate for the United States defence programme to speed up arms production was established by President Roosevelt to-day.

The directorate comprises Mr. William Knudsen, Director-General; Mr. Sidney Hillman, the Labour leader, associate Director-General; Mr. Henry L. Stimson, Secretary for War; and Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary for the Navy.

President Roosevelt announced that the directorate had been given full authority to formulate and execute policies for armament production.

"All That We Have"

By an executive order, President Roosevelt released to reporters a statement signed by all four members of the directorate in which they said that the task confronting them was "not only of critical importance but also one of surpassing urgency."

"They promised 'all that we have' to fulfil President Roosevelt's order to create an 'arsenal of democracy' in the United States, and called for co-operation from every person in the country to make the arsenal adequate for the defence of democracy and freedom."

VOLUNTEER ANNUAL

Proceeds of Sale To Bomber Fund

The seventh annual Year Book of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps has come off the press, and is possibly more readable than ever—the illustrations are certainly more highly spiced! The editor, for the sixth year in succession, is Capt. C. de Sallie Robertson, M.M., who has done the job well.

Each unit has its special mention, brightly written as occasion demands, with a number of photographs and sketches appropriate to the text. There is a considerable amount of humour, some topical allusions, and some verse. Any is readable, and apart from the Year Book forming a souvenir, it is also good reading matter.

This year, there is an added incentive towards its purchase. The entire proceeds will be handed to the Bomber Fund inaugurated by South China Morning News, Ltd. A nominal charge of 25 cents has been made, but purchasers are invited to give more as they may wish.

The Year Book is obtainable at the Officers' Mess, the Sergeants' Mess and Canteen and of all Company Commanders, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. Those wishing to send the Book abroad, must do so through the Publishers, Messrs. Millington, Ltd.

THAI RAIDS ON INDO-CHINA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HANOI, Jan. 7 (UP).—It is officially stated that last Monday six Thai planes penetrated 28 miles into Laos territory and released 12 bombs on a plantation. Six others dropped 22 bombs on Pakhong near Pakse and machine-gunned the guard house.

On Tuesday, 12 Thai planes dropped nine bombs on Srungtreng, north Cambodia, seriously wounding a French military doctor.

On Sunday at Pailin, west Cambodia, the French captured a Thai petty officer, and the same day a French captain was killed.

ITALY'S BUDGET

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Jan. 7 (UP).—The Council of Ministers, presided over by Mussolini, met for six hours to-day, when they drafted the appropriations for the 1941-42 fiscal year amounting to 2,000,030,780,740 lire.

The Council also approved this budget for 1939-40 which showed a deficit of 28,038,383,034, most of which was due to war expenditure.

Torpedoed, Sail Twelve Days In An Open Boat

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—When his ship was torpedoed by a German submarine, Captain George Hammett ordered his crew to abandon the sinking vessel.

After 12 days on the high seas, they sighted land and beached their boat. The next day they put to sea again and reached port after a voyage of 850 miles.

Of 28 men, ten survived, thanks to the courage and endurance of Captain Hammett and Second Officer Leslie Barnes.

Captain Hammett has been appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire and Second Officer Barnes is awarded the George Medal.

French Irk The Nazis

Cabinet Reconstruction

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—The Nazis are showing intense irritation against Vichy and have taken steps to indicate their desire for a reconstruction of Marshal Petain's Government to include the German candidate.

The proposal for a triumvirate to consist of Admiral Darlan, General Huntziger and M. Flandin, news of which leaked out some days ago, did not meet with German approval and inspired a German denial.

Since then the Germans have been complaining over the Paris radio about the delay in coming to a decision at Vichy and to-day they broadcast a statement that the discussion between the statesmen at Vichy will be concluded to-day or to-morrow and that a government reconstruction will follow.

Greenland Occupation

Life Under Ucle Sam

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—American troops are "occupying" Greenland and American Police are posted in the town of Ivigtut, according to kryolite miners who have just returned to Copenhagen.

They stated that communications with Denmark, to which Greenland belongs, have been practically broken off and that rationing of food had been in operation since last April though there was no shortage.

Steamers of the Hudson Bay Company were carrying miscellaneous supplies to points in west Greenland. The miners travelled to Copenhagen by way of America, Portugal and Germany.

GERMAN TROOPS IN RUMANIA

Commander Appointed

BEUGRADE, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—Field Marshal List, one of Germany's blitzkrieg experts, is to arrive in Rumania shortly with a staff of five generals to take over the command of German troops there, says a Bucharest dispatch to-night.

Field Marshal List commanded the German troops in the Polish campaign.

Baron Manfred von Killinger, the new German Minister to Rumania, is due in Bucharest on Sunday.

A Rumanian commission is considering various questions still pending between Rumania and the Soviet, including the repatriation of Bessarabians from Rumania and Rumanians from Bessarabia.

FALSE CLAIMS BY ROME

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—An official statement issued in Rome after to-day's Italian communique says that three of the British warships which bombarded Bardia were sunk.

In addition, says the statement, a liner was sunk and two cruisers, a submarine, destroyers, a gunboat and a monitor were badly damaged.

Unfounded Statement

"Reuter" learns in authoritative quarters in London that all these Italian statements are wholly unfounded.

Indo-China Govt. To Move

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" HANOI, Jan. 7 (UP).—The Indo-China Government will move to Saigon some time next week.

CITY OF BENARES HEROINE

Fourth Officer Decorated

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—Miss Mary Alice Clara Cornish, the heroine of the liner City of Benares, has been awarded the medal of the Order of the British Empire for meritorious service. The liner was torpedoed by a German submarine and sank in the Atlantic last September while carrying children refugees and other passengers to Canada. A total of 260 lives were lost, including 79 children.

Mr. Ronald Mitchell Cooper, Fourth Officer of the liner, has been appointed a member of the O.B.E. The official account states that Cooper got his boat away from the sinking ship and largely through his courage and seamanship, the boat, with 40 persons aboard, was brought safely through eight days of sailing in the Atlantic, all the occupants being rescued.

Kept Spirits Up

Miss Cornish was one of the "escorts" travelling in charge of the children. When the liner was struck, she assembled on deck the children for whom she was responsible and then returned below to see if there were any others in need of aid. While the party was at sea, Miss Cornish devoted herself to saving the children, massaging them to preserve circulation, encouraging them in exercises and inventing cheerful games until the party was rescued.

JAPAN RESENTS NAVICERT

Retaliation Threat

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" TOKYO, Jan. 7 (Domei).—Japan will retaliate, authoritative quarters warned, if Britain continues to insist on applying the Navicert system to Japanese ships.

These circles said that up to now Japan has overlooked application of the Navicert system to Japanese ships in so far as it was within "reasonable limits." Recently, however, British authorities have been taking advantage of this silence on the part of Japan and have gone too far.

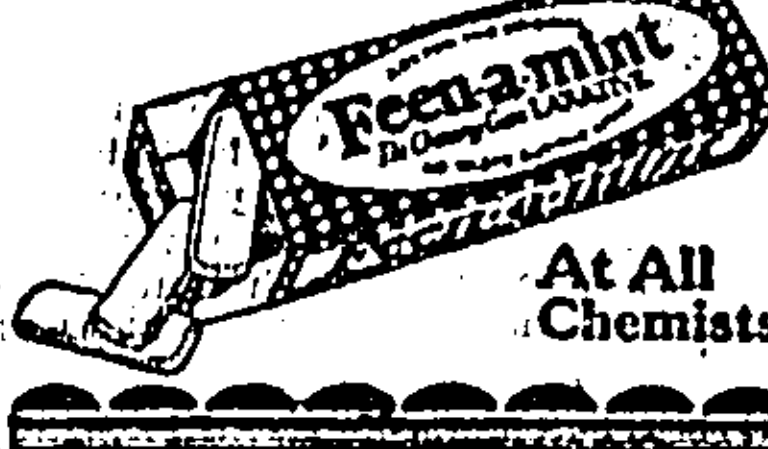
Hereafter, if the Navicert system is ever applied to Japanese ships, Japan will not only submit a strong protest to Britain on the ground that it violates International Law, but also take retaliatory measures.

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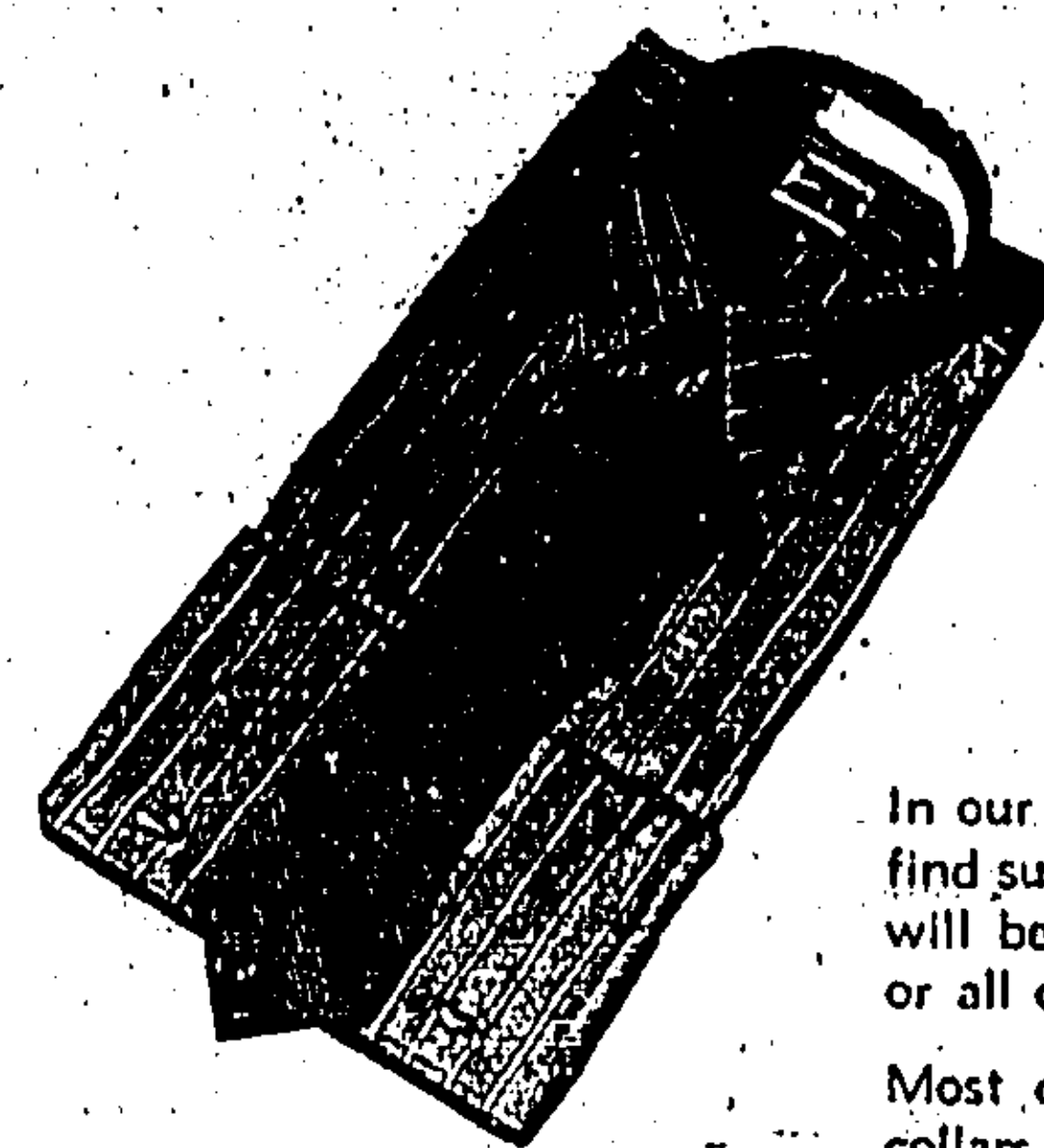
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Knowledge Of Rules For Competitive Play

(By "Birdie")

A FEW WEEKS AGO in these columns there appeared an article dealing with the odds against holing-in-one. It was in connection with an "Acers" Tournament organised by the "New York World Telegram" and the figures supplied were 7,267 to 1 against.

From the West Coast—San Francisco—there come figures from another such tournament organised by "The Examiner" and the computed odds are as high as 12,166 to 1 against.

This latter was won by a golfer named John Robson, who had not touched a club in two years. Allowed five shots, his first two were wide, his second two very short, but his last dropped 13 feet short of the five-foot circle with just sufficient momentum to trickle into the hole for one.

It was the eighth such hole-in-one since the inception of the Tournament in 1933. Over the years since, a total of 19,466 golfers had fired 97,330 shots with only 8 successes. These are the odds 12,166 to 1 against!

Though open to all, it was an amateur contest, and everything was free—even the balls and the clubs. The length of the hole was 184 yards, and this year's field of 3,047 golfers took six days to complete the tournament. Five of those 3,047 got within the one-foot circle of the pin, and 115 within the six-foot circle.

There doesn't seem to be any doubting the luck of these shots, for the second placed competitor, who was 8 inches from the pin, was a beginner. Gertrude Lawrence, the English actress, had a snack at it in 1938, and in her stockings feet came within 5 feet of the pin. She tried

again this year, also without shoes, but was not so successful.

THERE is nothing more valuable to a golfer in a competition than a knowledge of the Rules of Golf. There were two incidents at the Country Club, Sheungshui, last weekend, the first of which was in the semi-final of the women's Championship, and the second in the final of the Junior Championship.

One of the competitors in the Junior final hooked his second shot on the 4th hole behind the seat of the 5th tee. This was a cement seat and was in line with the hole. He played it from where it lay, though he could have picked up and dropped again.

He won the hole, though in coming out from under the seat he hit the seat and rebounded still wide of the green.

The Rule covering this is No. 11 which says: "If the player's stroke be interfered with by any such obstruction which is immovable and which is within two club's lengths of the ball, the ball may be lifted and dropped or on the putting green placed not more than two club's

Golf

Draw For Country Club Men's Foursomes

DRAW for the First Round of the Men's Foursomes at the Country Club, Sheungshui, resulted as follows:

Byes.—R. E. Lee and A. W. Ramsey v. C. R. Pereira and H. A. Alves.
First Round.—B. Busto and H. R. Pina v. M. A. Simoes and W. G. Williams.
Geo. Lee and A. T. Lee v. C. H. Dasto and A. A. Gutierrez.
F. X. M. Silva and M. F. Pina v. J. J. Busto and A. R. Pina.
C. E. Marques and B. Alves v. W. Williamson and C. S. Thom.

Byes.—T. Y. C. Lee and C. H. Suen v. W. C. Hung and E. J. M. Churn.
These matches will be played on Sunday next in the afternoon.

Captain's Cup
Members are reminded that first round matches of the Captain's Cup Competition are to be played this Sunday during the morning.

FAMOUS SPEED BOATS DESTROYED BY FIRE

LONDON, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—It is disclosed that the two motor speedboats, Miss England II and Miss England III, made famous by the late Sir Henry Segrave and Mr. Kaye Don, were destroyed in a fire following a recent air raid.

Sir Henry Segrave lost his life in Miss England II a few moments after he had set up a new water speed record of 88.76 m.p.h. on Lake Windermere.

Kaye Don wrested the record of over 111 m.p.h. from Gar Wood, the American, by piloting Miss England III at 117.43 m.p.h. on Loch Lomond in 1932.

lengths from the obstacle, but not nearer the hole, without penalty."

ONE of the women's semi-finalists played the wrong ball—a ball from another foursome. She approached the 3rd green and fell short. There she discovered that she had played the wrong ball, and on advice went back and played her own and landed on the green, not far from the pin!

But there appears to have been something which is not covered by the Rules. Her opponent had played her shot and had dropped several yards short of the green. This competitor then unknowingly smote the wrong ball and finished by some yards further ahead, but also short of the green. The opponent then played her next shot, but in doing so struck the ball in front (the wrong ball) and failed to get on the green.

Rule No. 20 (2) reads: "If a player play a stroke with the ball of anyone not engaged in the match, and the mistake be discovered and intimated to his opponent before his opponent has played his next stroke, there shall be no penalty; if the mistake be not discovered and so intimated until after the opponent has played his next stroke, the player's side shall lose the hole." (Italics are mine).

In this case the mistake was not discovered until after the opponent had played her second shot which had struck the ball in front.

In accordance with the Rule, therefore, the hole was won by the opponent, for it was not until they had walked up to the ball in front that the mistake was discovered—but it was after the opponent had played her next stroke!

But how could the mistake be known until the ball is reached, and it was the opponent's turn to play, being further from the hole! They played on happily in ignorance, and the opponent won the match.

CONGESTION on the Country Club course is becoming a problem, and to alleviate such at the first tee, starting times are to be introduced—and these will be in force for the first round of the Captain's Cup Competition on Sunday.

A FACT worthy of note was recently brought to my attention. It was in connection with tees. Wooden pegs are generally in use, but one player had possession of a nice metal set and did not discover until it was too late that the metal tops had been damaging the front of his driver.

Quite a number of dents had chipped the wood of the surface requiring complete repair.



Thomson (Club scrum-half) smothering Cpl Sutherland (Army) in the Club-Army Quadrangular Tournament rugby match at Happy Valley last Saturday. Lt Millar and Lt Pinkerton are seen on the right hoping for the ball.—Ming Yuen.

History of South China A.A. Recounted to Referees' Assn.

Address by Mr W. H. Chen

An address on the history of the South China Athletic Association which has grown from 50 members in 1916 to a membership of nearly 10,000 to-day, and its part in the development of the youth of China, was given by Mr Walter Hamming Chen, General Secretary of the Association, at the monthly meeting of the Football Referees' Association at the Hotel Cecil last night.

Mr Chen said that during the Manchu dynasty, people were not permitted to engage in physical culture for fear that they would grow too strong and become a menace to the throne. The establishment of the Chinese Republic brought many changes, one of which was the springing up of a number of sporting and athletic clubs all over the country.

Among the most important were South China in Hongkong and the Chin Woo Athletic Association in Shanghai.

The Far Eastern Olympic Games, held in Shanghai, Manila and Tokyo between 1915 and 1935 served to arouse great interest in sports among the younger Chinese, and the resulting interest in sport had brought about a great physical development in the youth of young China.

Dealing with sport taken up by South China, Mr Chen said the most popular was football, and other games played at the time were basketball, ball, tennis, basketball, volleyball, badminton, swimming, water-polo and ping-pong.

Referring to past activities, Mr Chen said the Club toured Australia with a football team in 1923 and since then had sent teams to many other parts of the world.

Stormy Years

The Association passed through its most stormy year in 1926, when the membership campaign was adversely affected by economic distress. Then certain events resulted in most of the members resigning and for a while the activities were crippled.

In 1932, the Association withdrew from membership of the Football Association owing to differences of opinion, but were later prevailed upon to resume.

The Caroline Hill site was allotted to them by Government in 1927 and a hill on the site was transformed into a football pavilion, occupying an area of over 7,000 square feet.

1940/41 Hopes

Mr Chen said that although 1940 was too recent to call for comment, they were still looking forward to winning the football championship this year despite the fact that many of their senior football members had left and joined another organisation.

After reciting the numerous football honours won by the Association and its members, Mr Chen gave brief biographies of some of their football stars. They included Lee Wai-long, whom he described as the world's most travelled footballer; Tam Kwan-hon, Lau Hing-chol, Lam Tak-po, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Kwok-wai, Lau Chung-sang and others.

Routine Business

A supply of Referees' badges, ordered in 1938, had just been received by the Association, and members were advised to send in applications for them.

Other business included a complaint by Sgt Windsor, R.A., that he had arrived to referee two matches on two successive days but the teams had failed to appear. Sgt Windsor was told that the matter was a case for the League Management Committee of the Football Association to deal with.

Another complaint dealt with and discussed by the members was the absence of line-men at junior matches.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Varsity Response

Sir,—Mr R. Abbit seems to be in a jumble himself by quoting that the University let the Army down (for the second time this season!)

It is inconceivable that the Army should have expected to play the University if a fixture was not arranged for such a date. The University—eleven—were originally down to play I.R.C. on January 4th as a glance at the fixture cards of both clubs will reveal. These matches were cancelled (by mutual agreement) in order to play a vital inter-faculty tie match, a decision from which was necessary before the next day, for presentation of the Hornell Shield.

On November 16th the University 1st XI was down to play the Army at Sookunpo but on arriving at the ground we were somewhat startled to see no Army team. Perhaps "Mr" R. Abbit might be able to explain that predicament.

There can be no question about the University fixture card being jumbled as "Mr" R. Abbit stated. I would like to suggest that "Mr" R. Abbit glance at the various fixture cards he has at hand before making comments of such a nature in future.

S. MAHMOOD,
Hon. Secretary,
H.K.U.C.C.

It was generally felt that the game should be played with or without line-men but that the referee concerned should make a report to the Football Association who should take the matter up.

The Chairman, Mr H. Beard, concluded by saying that Mr W. E. Hollands would be the speaker at the next meeting.

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Entries for the above will close at 3.00 p.m. on SATURDAY, 11th JANUARY, 1941, at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building.

By Order of the Stewards,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 6th January, 1941.

Royal Scots Enter Final Of Small Units Rugger Tournament

AT THE EXPENSE of Middlesex, who were beaten by 9 points (three tries) to 3 (a try), Royal Scots entered the final of the Small Units Rugby Tournament yesterday at Sookunpo.

Credit for the Scots' victory in yesterday's semi-final goes, in a large measure, to the superior strength and combination of the threes.

Middlesex, in this department, had a good pair in Moggeridge and Man, but once the ball passed this combination it was handled somewhat weakly and indecisively.

Scots deserved their victory. The score should have been a bigger one only that Marshall, on left wing, failed to force down after a great run over the line. He strove to get close to the posts but was robbed. All in all he was the most outstanding player of the match.

Bateman and Nealon, scorers of other tries, also did good work while Phillips featured in several spectacular break-aways.

Middlesex pack were somewhat superior in the scrums and line-outs. Moggeridge was in great form and constantly relieved pressure with excellently judged kicks to touch. Man's tackling and passing left nothing to be desired.

The Game

SCOTS took an early lead when Marshall touched down in the corner following a good run, but Middlesex crossed over, but their efforts were not converted.

In the second half, play was not so even, and Scots were constantly hammering on the Middlesex line. Marshall almost rewarded their efforts when he crossed over, but he lost the ball when striving to touch down closer to the posts.

Two tries were forthcoming, however, when Nealon and Bateman crossed over, but their efforts were not converted.

The teams were:
Scots—Stevenson; O'Brien, Hanson, Bateman, Marshall; Phillips, Grace; Nealon, McKenzie; Durie, Dickson, Hunter, Loughlin, Sims, Livingstone, Middlesex—Hollford; Thomson, Radley, Cordery, Dickens; Man, Moggeridge; Wilson, Bailey, Heather, Klimke, Wooley, Berry, Goddard, Pearce.

ENGINEERS BEAT GUNNERS
Engineers defeated 8th Anti-Aircraft Battery 3 goals and four tries (17) to two tries (6).

The final of the small units league matches will be played on January 21.

Homo Rugby

Army Beat Middlesex 16-11

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—An Army XV beat Middlesex by 16 points to 11 to-day in a friendly game of rugby football.

Scottish Soccer Results

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—The following were the results of football matches played in Scotland to-day:

LEAGUE	
Dumbarton	2 Falkirk 1
Morton	1 St Mirren 2
Rangers	2 Celtic 3
FRIENDLY	
Queen O'Sth	0 Preston 3

Army Soccer XI For Kotewall Cup

The following have been chosen to represent the Army against the Navy in the Kotewall Cup competition to be played at Caroline Hill on Wednesday, January 22 at 4 p.m.
Bankier (R. Scots); Nayemith (R. Scots); Fraser (R. Scots); Birrell (R. Engineers); Bright (M. ex) and Freshwater (M. ex); Owens (R.A.) House (R. Scots); Fox (R. Engineers); Weir (R.A.S.C.) and Duffield (R.A.O.C.). Reserves—Reynolds (R.A.O.C.), Lawton (R.A.), Guy (R.A.), Pearson (M. ex), Pelham (R. Engineers) and Munro (R. Scots).

PAPER HUNT

Members of the Cottage Club are reminded that the next paper hunt will be held on Saturday, January 11 at 4 p.m.

The hunt will start from Fanning village.

Fanning Hounds Meet Cancelled

The meet of the Fanning hounds scheduled for Sheung Shui crossroads at 2.45 p.m. to-day has been cancelled because of unforeseen circumstances.

Craigengower Cricket Teams

The following will represent Craigengower first and second Cricket teams in League matches against Kowloon C.C. and Indian R.C. at home and at Sookunpo on Saturday:
First XI—E. Zimmerman (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria, E. H. Esmail, H. G. Forman, A. B. Hamson, A. J. Hulse, A. K. Ismail, E. J. Mitchell, W. Hong Sing, G. Souza and J. L. Youngs. Reserve—T. H. Edgar.

Second XI—A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar and W. K. Way. Reserve—O. M. Omar and L. Chu.

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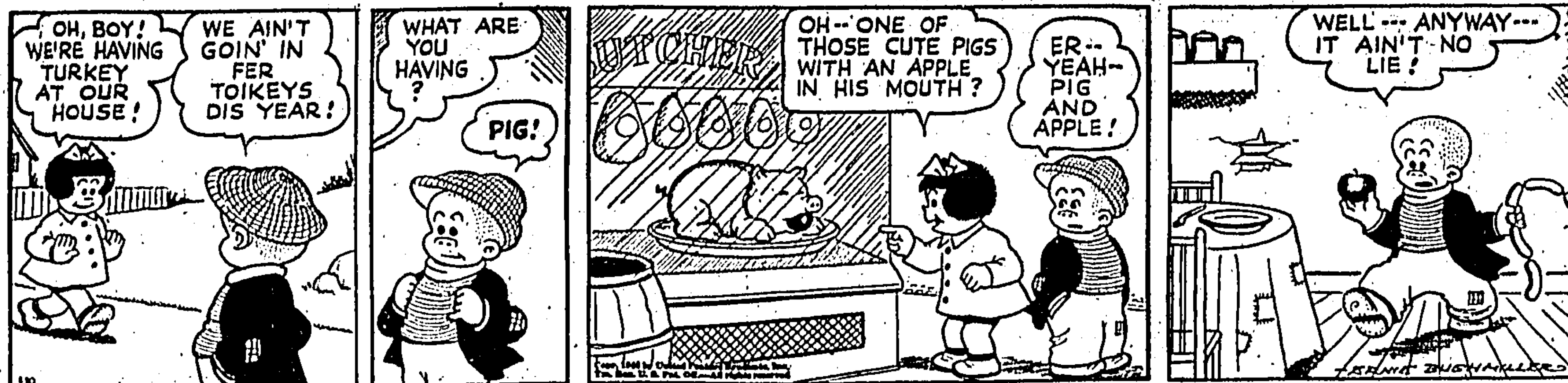
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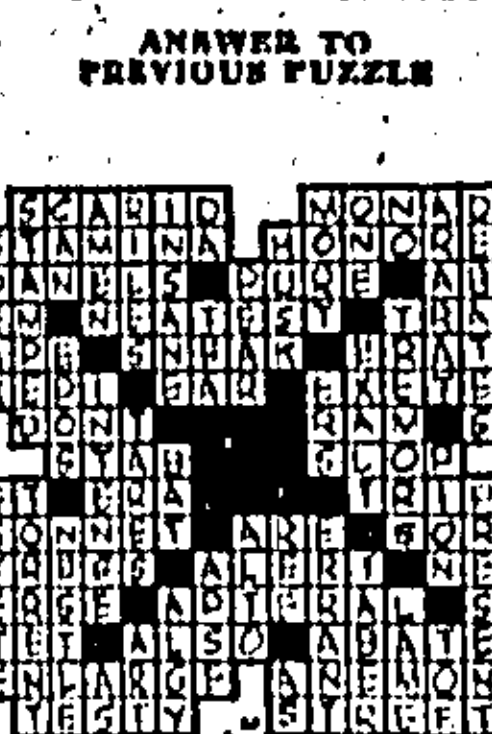
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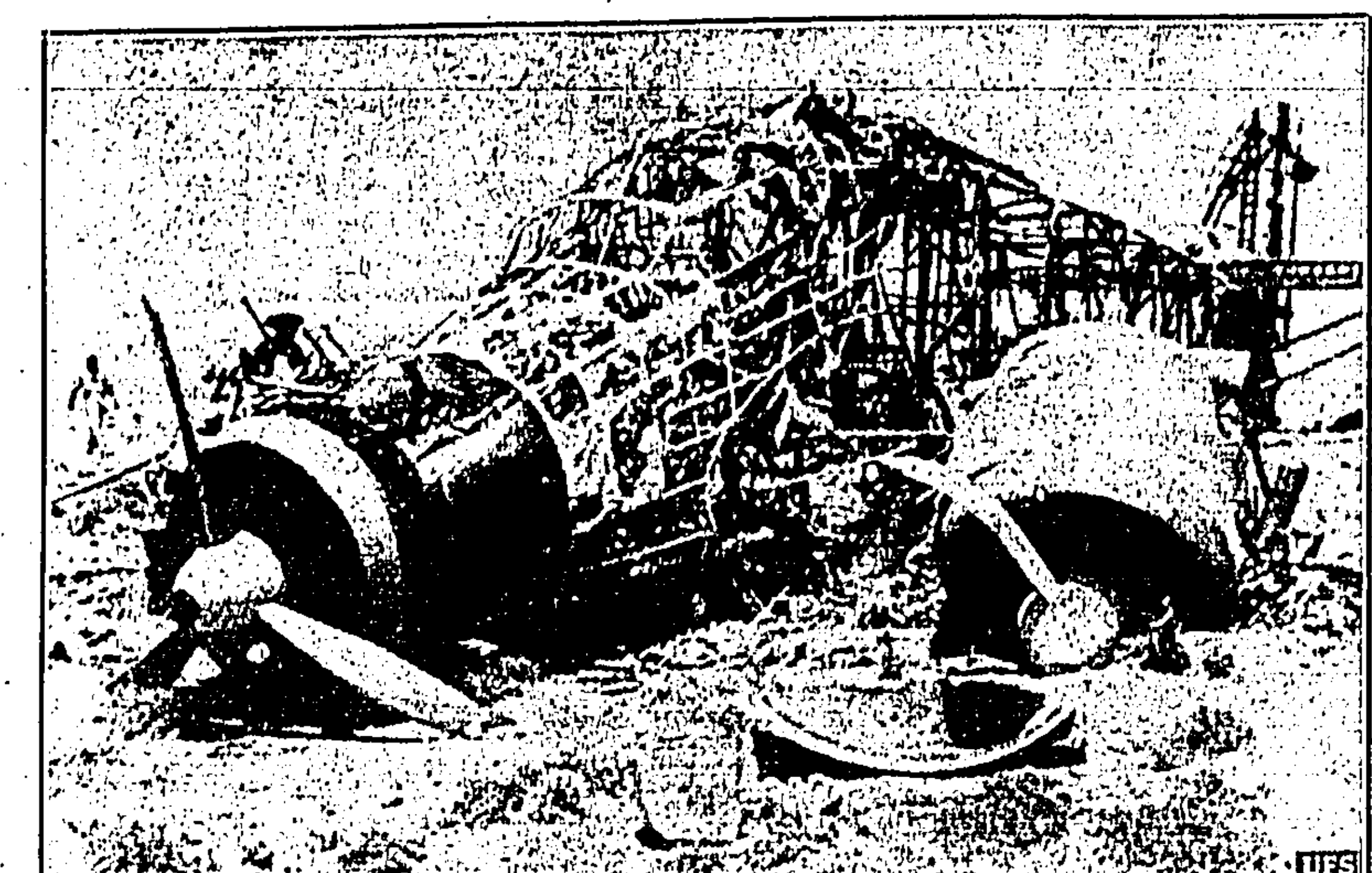
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- ACROSS
- 1—Pit stone
 - 2—Kind of foot
 - 3—Chilly name
 - 4—Ancient Irish castle
 - 5—Hounded foot
 - 6—Ireland
 - 7—William
 - 8—Norse god
 - 9—Title of respect
 - 10—Cravat
 - 11—France
 - 12—Nancy
 - 13—Nimble
 - 14—Vance ship
 - 15—Hummer
 - 16—Horse boat
 - 17—Fainted
 - 18—Trove
 - 19—Itchy
 - 20—Furdened
 - 21—Japanese ash
 - 22—Mediums
 - 23—Male deer
 - 24—Hiding on "push-mobility"
 - 25—Japanese coin
 - 26—Digit
 - 27—Nativity
 - 28—Observe
 - 29—Wash
 - 30—Network
 - 31—Pertaining to Italian
 - 32—France
 - 33—Tree juice
 - 34—Venture
 - 35—Word of love
 - 36—Word of love
 - 37—Appellation
- DOWN
- 1—District of Hungary
 - 2—Hebrew title
 - 3—Preparation for publication
 - 4—Chief name
 - 5—Napoleon's marshal
 - 6—Soft drink
 - 7—Live form
 - 8—Man's name
 - 9—Morning prayer
 - 10—Kind
 - 11—Also
 - 12—Wash
 - 13—Parasite
 - 14—Discretion
 - 15—Hiding chair
 - 16—Parade
 - 17—Arabian valleys
 - 18—Put in time
 - 19—Faint
 - 20—Limbs
 - 21—Mouthy aspeet
 - 22—That woman
 - 23—Doled out
 - 24—Male descendant
 - 25—Heul
 - 26—Furious twitching
 - 27—Got up
 - 28—Receives for services
 - 29—Polona
 - 30—Vaccines
 - 31—Dy
 - 32—Affection
 - 33—Faintly brown
 - 34—Talk wildly
 - 35—Ruhan king
 - 36—Watering place
 - 37—Through



ITALIAN FIGHTER'S END—It's a desert graveyard for this Italian fighter plane shot down by British anti-aircraft gunners, somewhere in North Africa. Plane apparently came down in flames and only skeleton, charred and twisted, remains.

NEW THAI CANAL SCHEME

THE Thai Government is contemplating joining the Phang-nya river, which flows into the sea on the west coast of the Peninsula, and the Tapi river at Surat-Thani, reports the Thai newspaper, "Pranuen Wan."

The Phang-nya river is situated inland of the Papua Strait, which is approximately 239 miles from Penang, while Surat-thani is on the east coast, almost on the Isthmus of Kra.

The distance between the two rivers is said to be about 20 kilometres, and the policy is to make this a combined stream navigable for small craft which will only have to traverse a distance of from 600 to 800 kilometres.

This would be a highly valuable route, as at present ships travelling from the Indian Ocean to the Gulf of Thailand have to go right round the Malay Peninsula via Singapore.

This appears to be quite a feasible scheme in place of the Kra Isthmus. A survey is now being carried out.

Soviet Army Leader Lauds R.A.F.

A striking article by Capt. Krainef in the Soviet Army organ, "Red Star," emphasises that the Germans have failed to win mastery of the air.

In their first mass attack on Britain, he writes, they failed to repeat their successes against French aerodromes because they lacked information of the redistribution of British forces; many field aerodromes and landing grounds had been added to the 300 aerodromes existing before the war and the camouflage had been beautifully done.

The defensive measures taken by the R.A.F. Command, in fact, influenced the whole course of the struggle.

German's Mistake

The Germans also failed, Capt. Krainef states, to concentrate on the bombing of air factories—most of them being bombed once or twice only at the most. The Spitfire works at Woolston suffered most, then the air engine works at Rochester. The whole air industry of Britain goes on working.

There had been few attacks against flying schools, except Cranwell, and in only one case most of the flying schools were in Canada. More successful blows were struck at petrol stores.

Undefeated

The present battles showed that the air mastery did not belong to either side. The British Air Force was undefeated, and was actually widening its scope of offensive action and was continuing to raid Berlin. In fact, only mass concentration on one target, e.g., Britain's industry, could give a decisive result.

There was much damage in London, but the forces of resistance of this giant city are still great. It continues its industrial and Government work.

Nazis Fear Sabotage By Workers

Reports reaching trade union headquarters in Britain point to increasing difficulties in Germany's transport.

Germany's railway system was overtaxed even during the years of war preparations.

To-day it cannot cope with demands.

Locomotives and goods wagons are declared to be insufficient in number. Open wagons are being loaded one ton over normal limit.

Men are being required to work up to 14 hours a day.

Plant and men are showing the effect.

At the close of the first year of war the German State Railways admit that goods wagons are in service only on 100 days out of 300.

R.A.F. Has Helped

Occupation of other countries has added to the demands on transport of troops and war material and food-stuffs.

British air attacks have helped very substantially to increase the difficulties by the damage done to waterways.

Germany's movement of barges to the North Sea coast for the advertised invasion of Britain swells the trouble. Hitler is also having extensive trouble in trying to maintain output of war material.

British air raids have done so much damage that much war work is being transferred to occupied Czech territory.

But the newspapers of Prague and Brno carry reports of men condemned to death in some cases and to long terms of imprisonment in others for removing essential parts of machinery in Czech factories, with serious effect on production.

Sabotage Fears

The German rulers' fear of sabotage is based not only on the known hostility of the occupied countries, but also on experience during the last war.

Dr. Friedensburg, a German military expert, writing in a monthly journal last January, said:

One of the reasons why Germany lost the war in 1918 was the systematic sabotage of production by the workers, technicians and engineers in the occupied areas of Belgium and France.

Even apart from deliberate sabotage that may or may not be practised, Hitler faces all the time the fact that he is more and more dependent on hostile people, from whom he can never get any measure of willing co-operation.

Britain's Role In Future world

A prediction that the future world society will develop in the English-speaking world was made by Dorothy Thompson recently.

Speaking in New York she said: "To-day under a rain of bombs, in debris and wreckage amidst the moans of heroes who are dying a soldier's death in children's dresses and matron's aprons and in the sober garb of business men and the overalls of workers, a new British democracy is being born."

"It is the common people who behave like Shakespeare's kings. As surely as I stand here and talk to you there will rise in the English-speaking world a poet to write of kingly common people when this war is over. Some new Shakespeare will write the drama of Dunkirk."

Nazi Pilot Knew Isle Of Wight

"Will you pull up at 'The Blacksmith's Arms,' at the top of the hill? I could do with a drink," coolly said a crashed German pilot to Harold Blow, a lorry driver, who was taking him into Newport, I.O.W.

The pilot, a lieutenant, 6ft 2in tall, who had baled out after the petrol tank of his machine had been riddled by bullets from a British fighter plane, was seen near a hedge on the main road between Calbourne and Carisbrooke and was given a lift by Blow after submitting to a search.

"I asked him how he knew where he was, and he replied that he had often been to the island and knew every inch of it," said Blow. "He also said that he knew Southampton well as he used to go there in liners before the war. He spoke broken English. He did not seem worried about his fighting days being over."

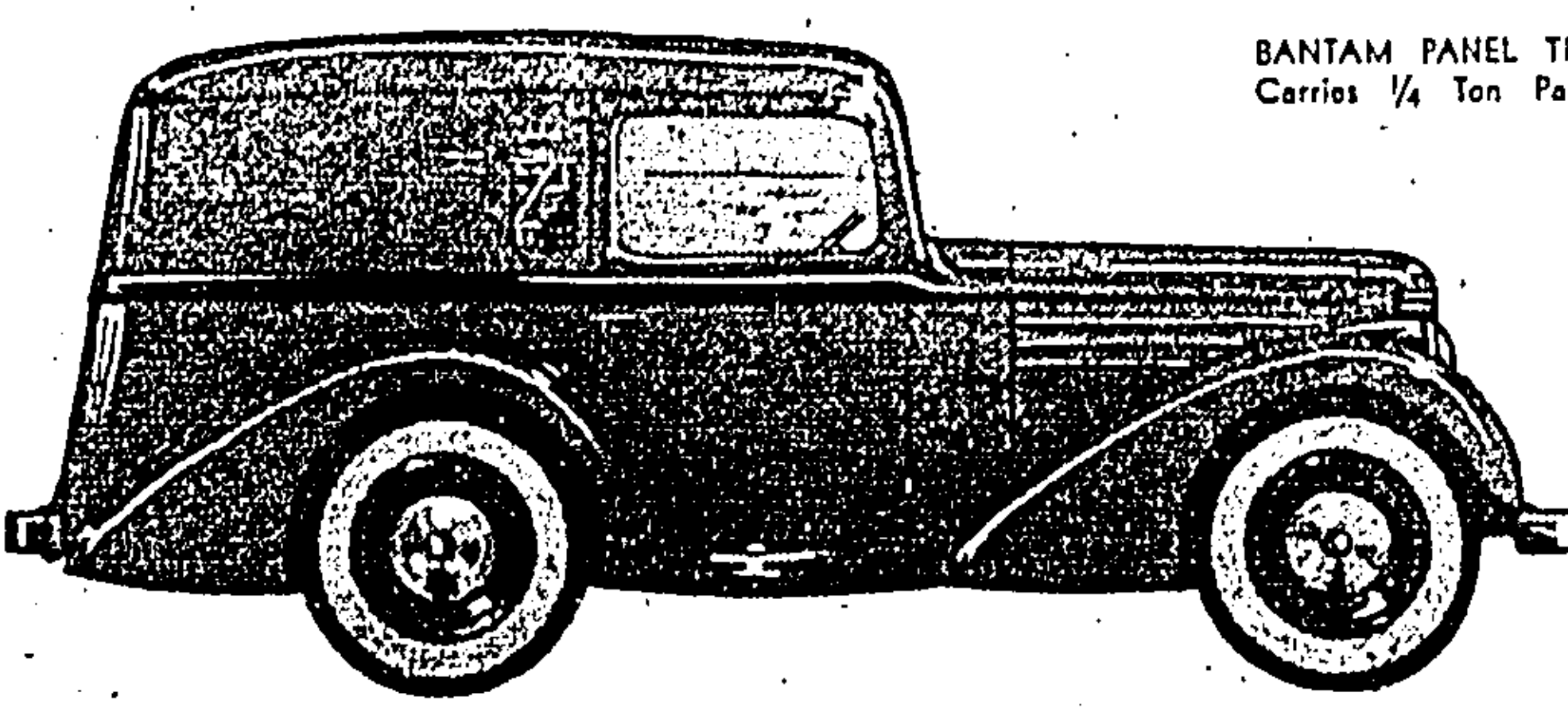
Britain's Health Standard High

Britain has apparently the highest health standard in the world, according to Dr. Haven Emerson, former president of the American Association of Public Health.

Dr. Emerson has made a study of European health, and said that Britain had two outstanding safeguards for remaining isolated from any European pestilence. The first was the English Channel, and the second was the British quarantine system.

Typhus was the greatest threat to the health in Europe at present, stated Dr. Emerson, and it would break out most likely in such countries as Poland, Russia and the Balkans.

Germany was another trouble spot. After the last war the tuberculosis death rate doubled there, and the severe working conditions, added to the lack of expert medical care under the Nazi regime, has brought about the present low standard of health.



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Hongkong remembers Major-General Amps as a partner of the firm of Logan and Amps, which was responsible for the construction of the new building of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. After the building was completed, Mr. Amps (as he then was) retired. He paid a visit to the Colony last year shortly before the A.M.P.S. was formed.

Promoted from just plain Mister to Major-General in one day, Amps has had an amazing career, a close friend of his told a correspondent.

A constructional engineer, he was lieutenant of the R.E.'s in the last war, and lost a foot when wounded on the Somme. He has never let his disability handicap him, though; is wonderfully active, and has travelled and worked all over the globe.

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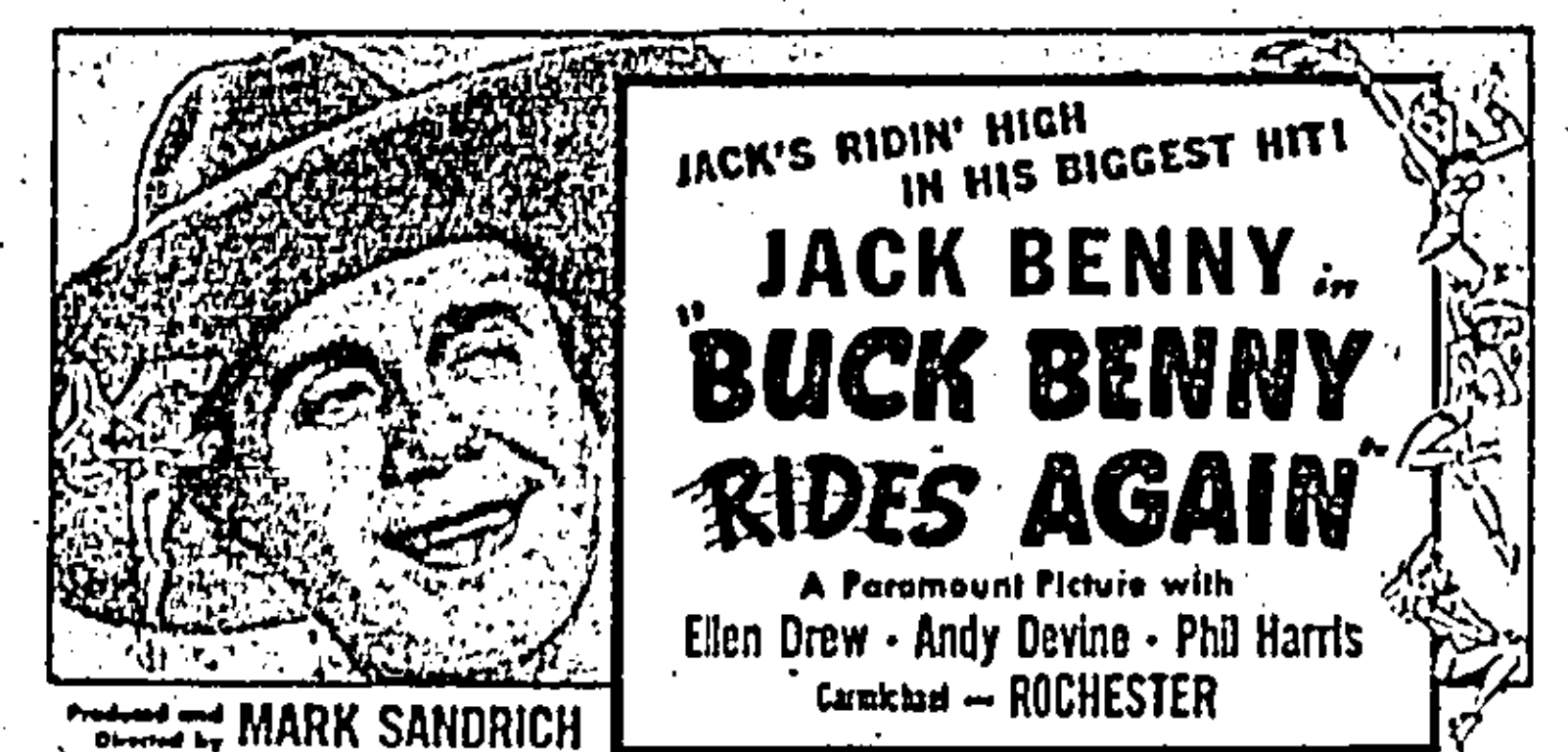
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British Advance On Tobruk

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estimated that our Imperial and Allied troops have lost 14,000 Italian troops out of action and of these 70,000 are prisoners. In an attempt to minimise this success, Rome has been claiming that the majority of these troops are Libyans but this is easily proved untrue.

During these operations we have taken or destroyed three Italian regular divisions, about 3,000 men; two Blackshirt divisions, about 24,000 men; one whole mechanised division, about 7,000 men; in addition we have destroyed two Libyan divisions of about 14,000 men and some 10,000 supply and corps troops.

It is assumed that those not taken prisoner are either casualties or men able to escape. A vast quantity of war materials of all kinds has also been taken but it is impossible as yet to give any details.

Italian Fleet Absent

One of the most remarkable features of the shelling of Bardia from the sea was that the Italian navy did not even try to intervene. A London naval spokesman pointed out that the Italian fleet had a great opportunity to attack and if it had done so our fleet would have been obliged to give up the bombardment in order to defend itself, except for a few raiding planes, however, the Italian High Command made no attempt to relieve the pressure on the garrison at Bardia. Italian prisoners themselves have commented on the absence of sea and air assistance. They were disappointed by the absence of planes while Italian pilots say that plenty of petrol was available but they received no orders to go up.

British Casualties Few

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Jan. 7 (UP).—The London "Times" says the British Empire casualties in the whole Libyan campaign were fewer than 2,000.

Italians Desert

CAIRO, Jan. 7 (UP).—A special General Headquarters communique says, "During the operations at Bardia, three Blackshirt Commanders deserted their troops, leaving the regular Commanders to fight."

Still Hopeful

ROME, Jan. 7 (UP).—A communique issued to-day states: "The Council of Ministers solemnly reaffirms its complete faith in Italy, in the Axis Pact and Triple Alliance, and the decision of the Axis to continue the struggle until victory, which will give Italy its just place in a new Europe, and a world free from hypocritical exploitations and oppression by British plutocracy."

"The Council of Ministers expresses full hope and confidence that the masses of proletarians in Fascist Italy are and will under any circumstances be equal to the developments."

Compliments To Wavell And Army

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—Orange growers in Palestine have shown their appreciation of the success of the Western Desert campaign by sending 10,000 cases of oranges and grape fruits to the troops.

A warm tribute to General Wavell himself is provided by an Iraqi chieftain, who has given him a ceremonial sword.

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U.S. BUDGET TO AID BRITAIN

Congress Statement To-day

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—To-morrow President Roosevelt again goes before Congress with a statement hardly less important than his "We cannot let the democracies surrender" message yesterday.

The President will present his budget recommendations for the new fiscal year; main interest will be in the amount of what President Roosevelt yesterday called "those greatly increased new appropriations" for armaments and national defence.

The first instalment of concrete proposals for implementing President Roosevelt's policy will undoubtedly be in the budget, and other bills to be sent to Congress before the week-end, which will probably be passed within 30 days.

Political observers here feel confident that the proposals implementing President Roosevelt's policy and promises will be passed by an overwhelming majority of the House of Representatives, while in the Senate it is believed that the isolationists cannot muster a bigger vote than 30.

Lease and Lend Plan

The latter is freely expressed that once Roosevelt's "Lend and Lease Plan" is approved by Congress, it will place all existing American arms as well as new production under the discretion of the President and his military and naval experts for use in the struggle of the democracies against aggression.

This would appear to make it possible for destroyers to be released and also planes from the existing American Air Force if it is felt expedient to do so.

It is believed that this is an adequate answer to those who are apprehensive that American help might not materialise early enough to meet the expected Axis offensive in spring.

Planes From U.S.A.

LONDON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—Greece is to be given American aeroplanes. Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State declared to-day that one result of President Roosevelt's pledge of more aid for the democracies is that a number of planes now being built for the U.S. Army are being released for Greece.

Indivisibility

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—The "Washington Post" writes that the United States has entered into a moral and material alliance with Britain, Greece and China. The paper adds that the President's message shows that it is a firm contract.

It is widely agreed here that the aggressors themselves are largely the architects of the electric evolution of United States policy. The Italo-German-Japanese Pact first conveyed an open threat to America, since when the "three Powers" have been rubbing it in with truculent speeches and the Three-Power military talks in Berlin.

It is generally agreed here that the most important part of the Roosevelt message is that showing the indivisibility of America and those countries fighting the new order of tyranny.

Sentence of two months' hard labour was passed on Chinn Chuen, 21, unemployed, by Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy this morning for the theft of a rat basket containing 56,000 in Chinese currency, from Lo Wang-hong in Connaught Road Central on January 4.

Greek Warships Shell Valona

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Heavy Bombardment

BUDAPEST, Jan. 7 (UP).—The Greek radio to-night said: "North of Chios there was a heavy Greek artillery bombardment and the Italians fled in disorder. In the central sector Greek attacks broke up the Italian counter-attacks. On the northeast front, the Greeks captured new positions."

Limited Action

ATHENS, Jan. 7 (UP).—To-day's War Department communique says: "There was limited patrol action to-day and some prisoners were captured."

The Ministry of Public Security announced: "An Italian squadron bombed Korca causing more than 100 civilian casualties, destroying 40 houses and damaging the Cathedral. An enemy hydroplane machine-gunned Greek fishing boats near a small Aegean island, killing one fisherman."

U.S. Navy to Acquire 4,000 Planes In 1941

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said that 6,122 planes are on order and he admitted that the Navy possesses "very few" completely modern planes. He said that the 445 planes acquired during 1940 were mainly delivered since last autumn and stressed: "I am very impatient about it."

Admiral Towers claimed the latest American Naval planes are second to none and predicted that the United States Naval air strength would far outstrip the Axis Powers this year.

He said that the Naval Air Mission which recently went to Britain had reported that the latest American fighters surpass the British fighters in armaments and power. Naval plane production schedule is 4,000 of which 2,400 are combat planes, "far in excess" of Japanese production.

REPORTS AVER NAZI TROOPS

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ponent of the "Stockholm Tidningen" With opposing interests seeking to influence him, he says, it is unlikely that the Bulgarian Prime Minister will leave the country at present.

There had been reports that M. Filoff, who is ill, would leave Bulgaria in order to obtain medical treatment elsewhere.

The correspondent further states that German and Russian interests do not coincide in Bulgaria and that Bulgaria perhaps is relying on Russian support if she resists the German demands.

Premier's Statement

SOFIA, Jan. 7 (UP).—Premier Filoff returned from Vienna at 6.05 p.m. to-day and declared: "The reports circulated in America concerning my visit to Germany is not true." He refused to make any further comment. However, well informed circles understood that his declaration meant that he did not receive any German ultimatum or demands.

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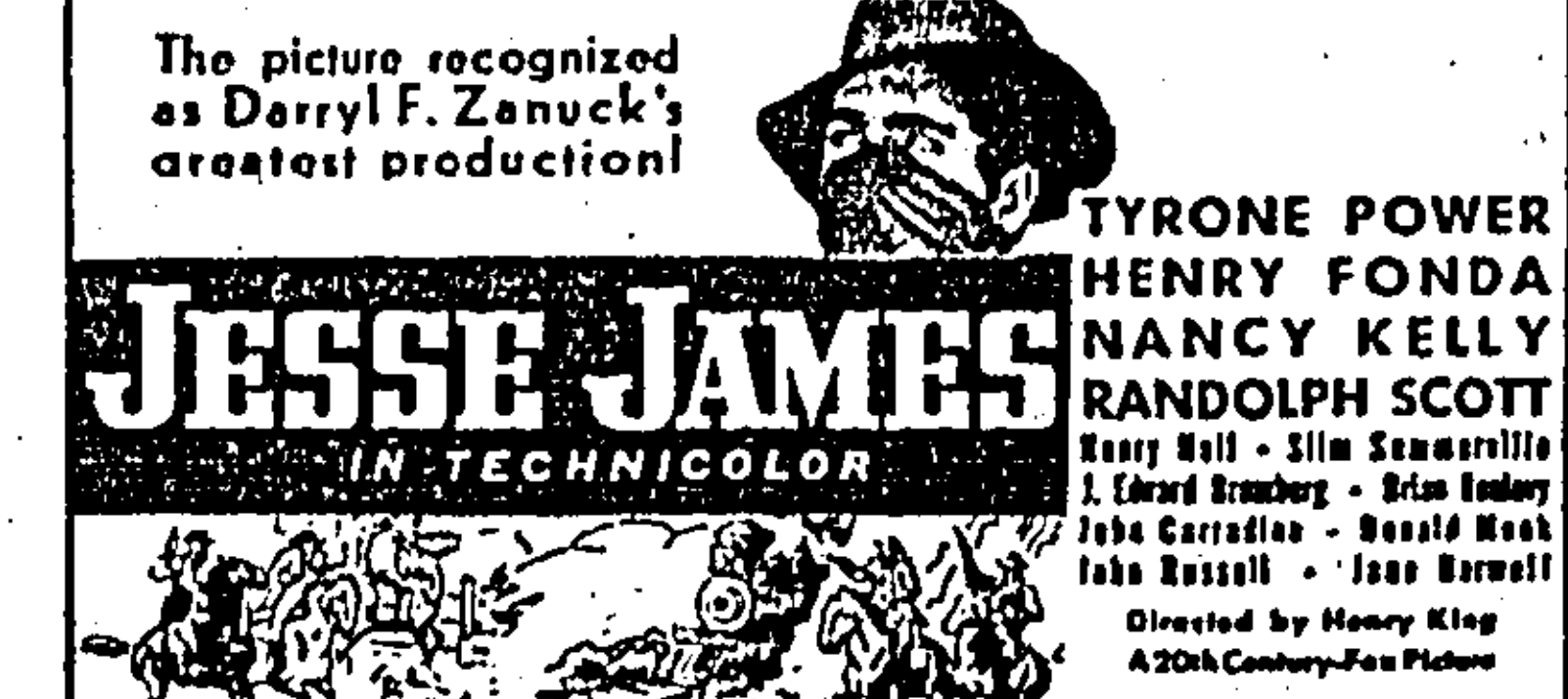
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Famous Eire Horses

Army School Closes

DUBLIN, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—Horses which have won fame in several parts of the world for their jumping feats will be sold on Thursday following the decision of the Eire Department of Defence to close the Army School of Equitation.

For many years the Eire Army team has distinguished itself in international jumping competitions in Europe and America. The cessation of international tournaments owing to the war is no doubt largely responsible for the closing of the school.

U.S. PLANES FOR THE GREEKS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (UP).—It is learned that nearly 100 war planes for which the Greeks are paying cash have been released to the Greeks. It is believed that they are the latest type, but their exact number is not known.

Temporary Meat Shortage

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Jan. 7 (UP).—Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, said that the position of meat supplies is admittedly difficult, and he indicated that little relief could be expected for a fortnight.

He said: "If we find that we cannot live up to the 1s. 6d. ration we shall reduce it during what I believe to be, a temporary meat shortage. I do not want to deprive the public of any more meat than is necessary."

Defence Of India

NEW DELHI, Jan. 7 (Reuter).—It is announced that the Viceroy is allotting 34 lakhs of rupees, comprising items definitely allocated by War Fund donors for the defence of India and unallocated items, to the purchase of three trawlers, to be named Hyderabad, Banora and Travancore, and a number of armoured "carriers" which are being manufactured in India.

The trawlers will be fitted for mine-sweeping and anti-submarine work.